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Waaugh...*

*What Howard is trying to say is that this story takes place between the last volume and this new volume of *Howard the Duck*.



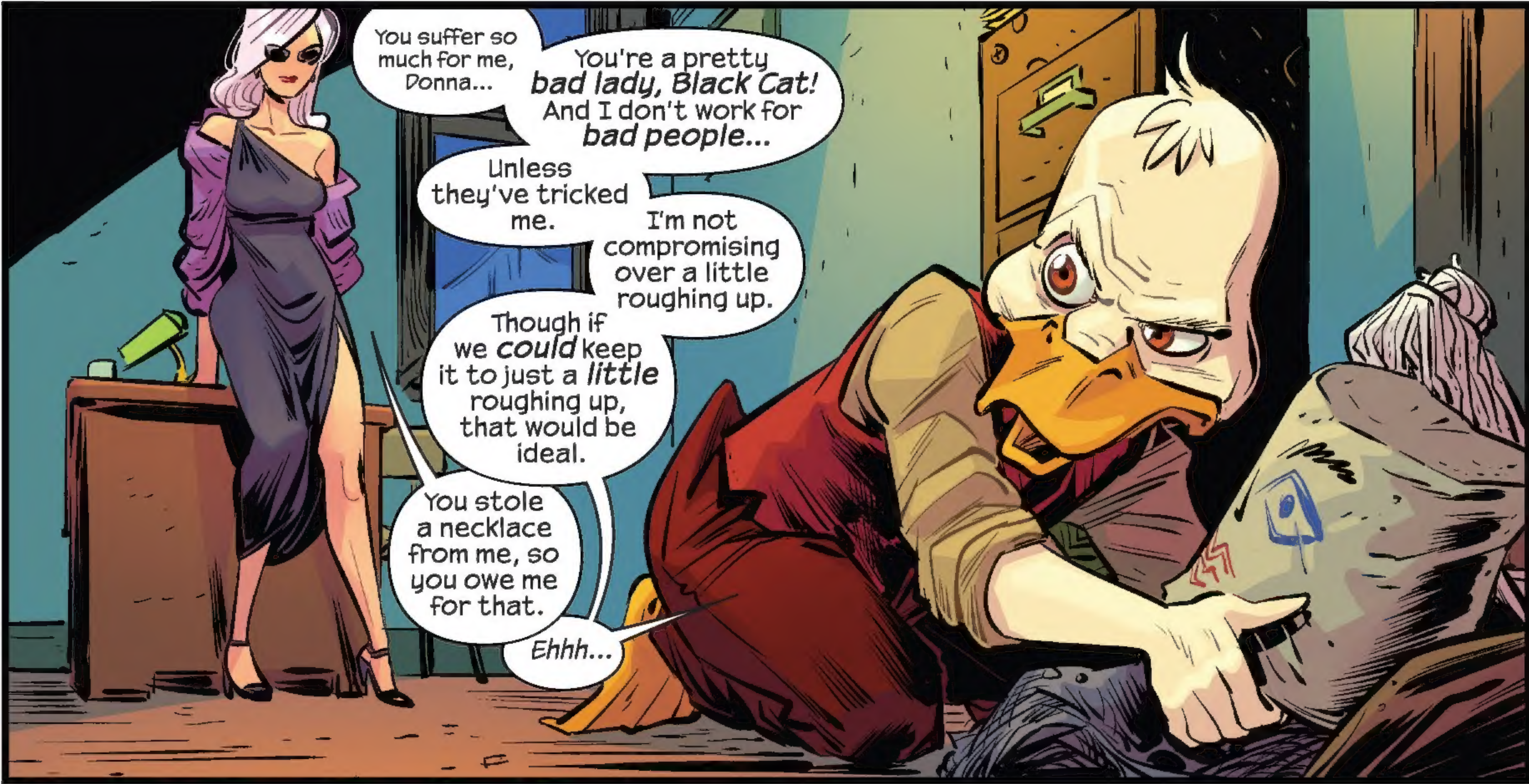
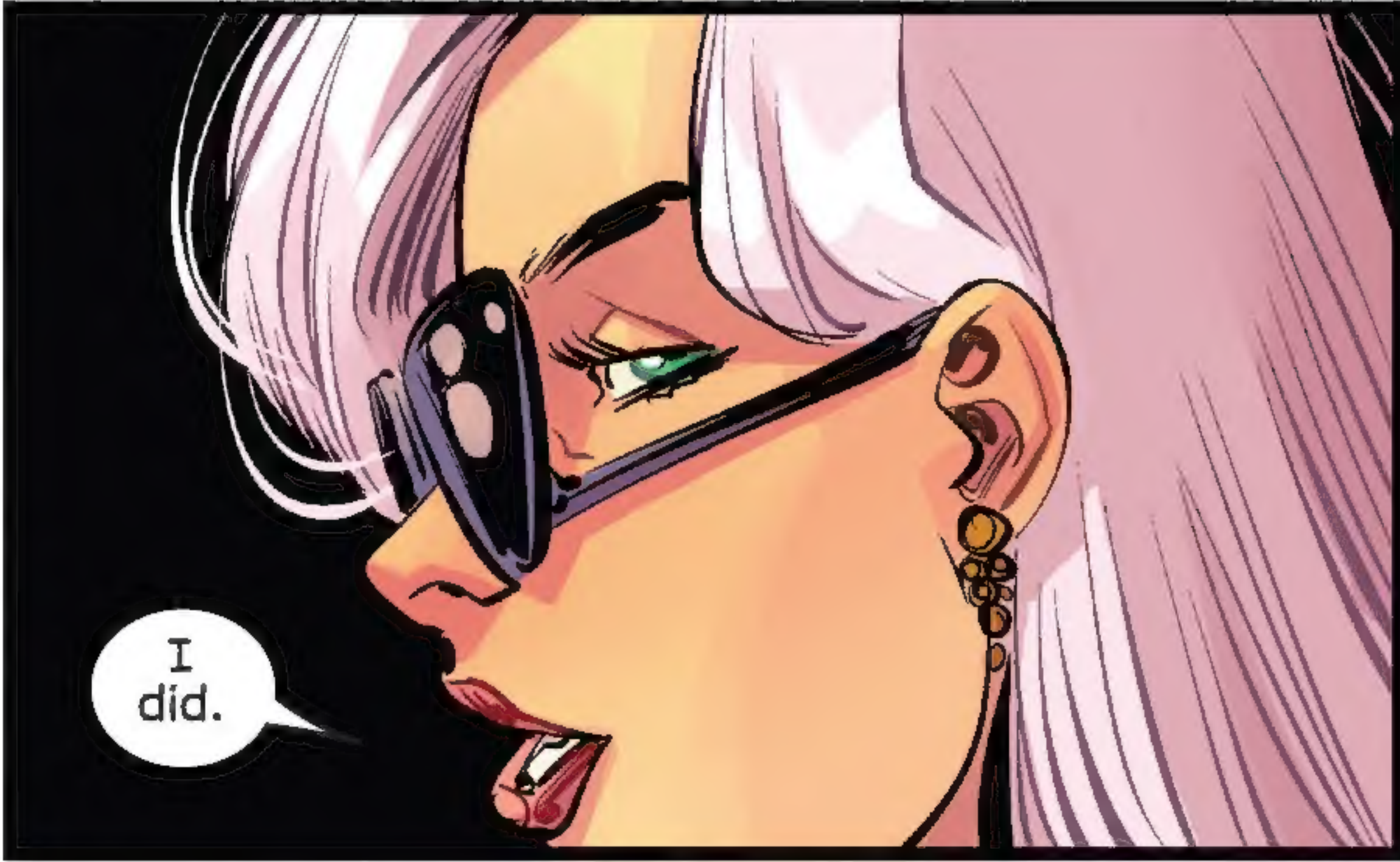
So my little duck-burglar is a *detective*?



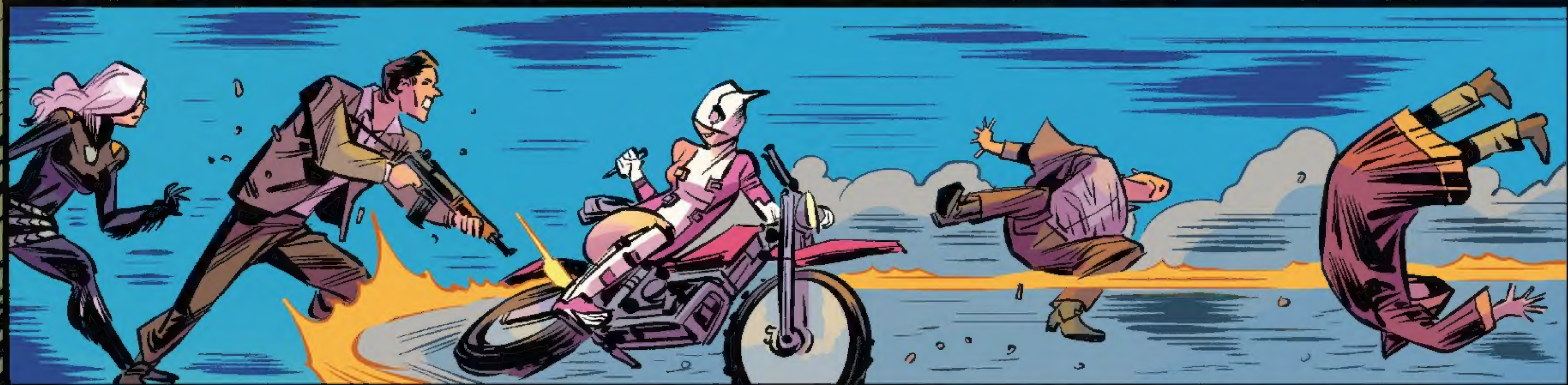
What's it to *you*, hairless-ape-burglar?

I'd like to engage your services, Mr. Duck.

HARD A DUCK
PRIVATE EYE

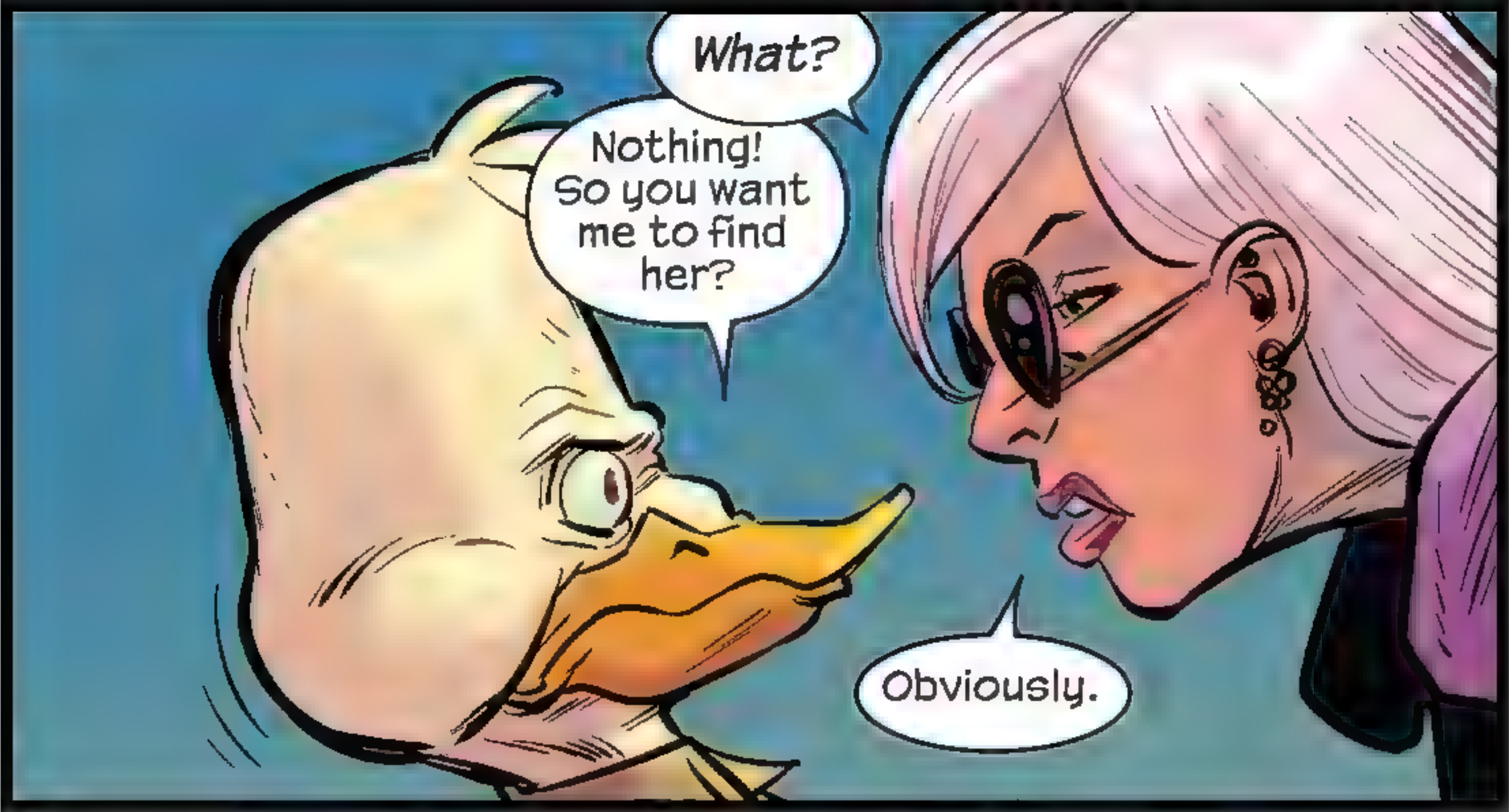


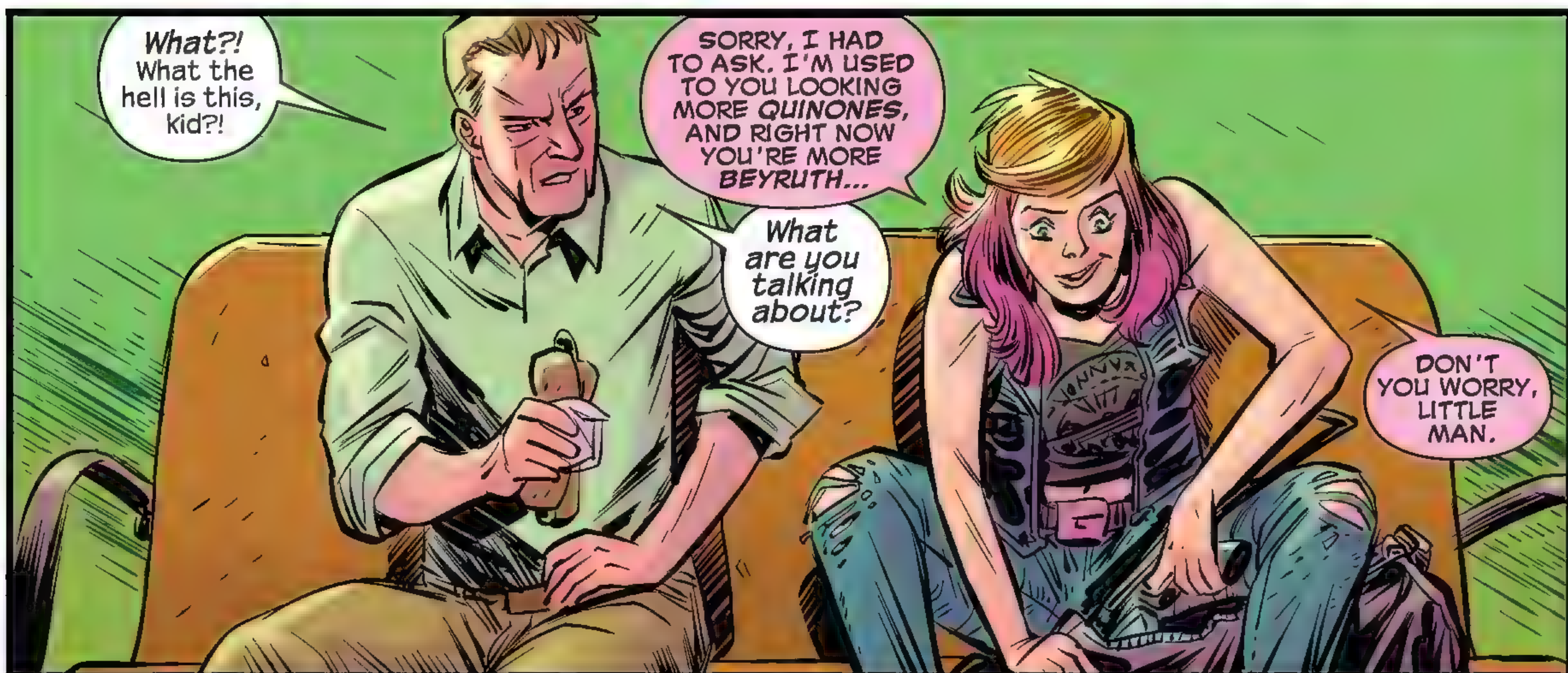
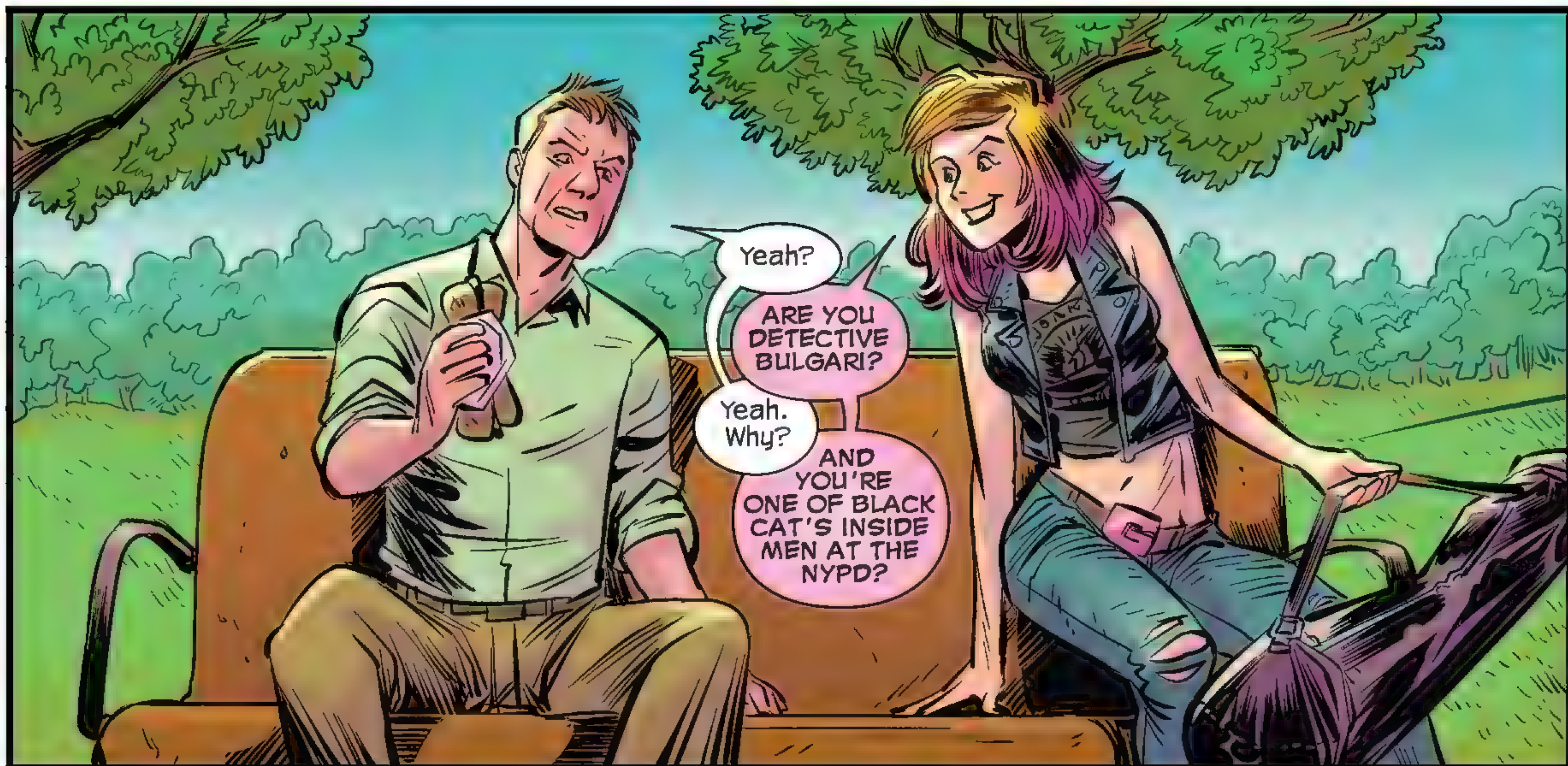








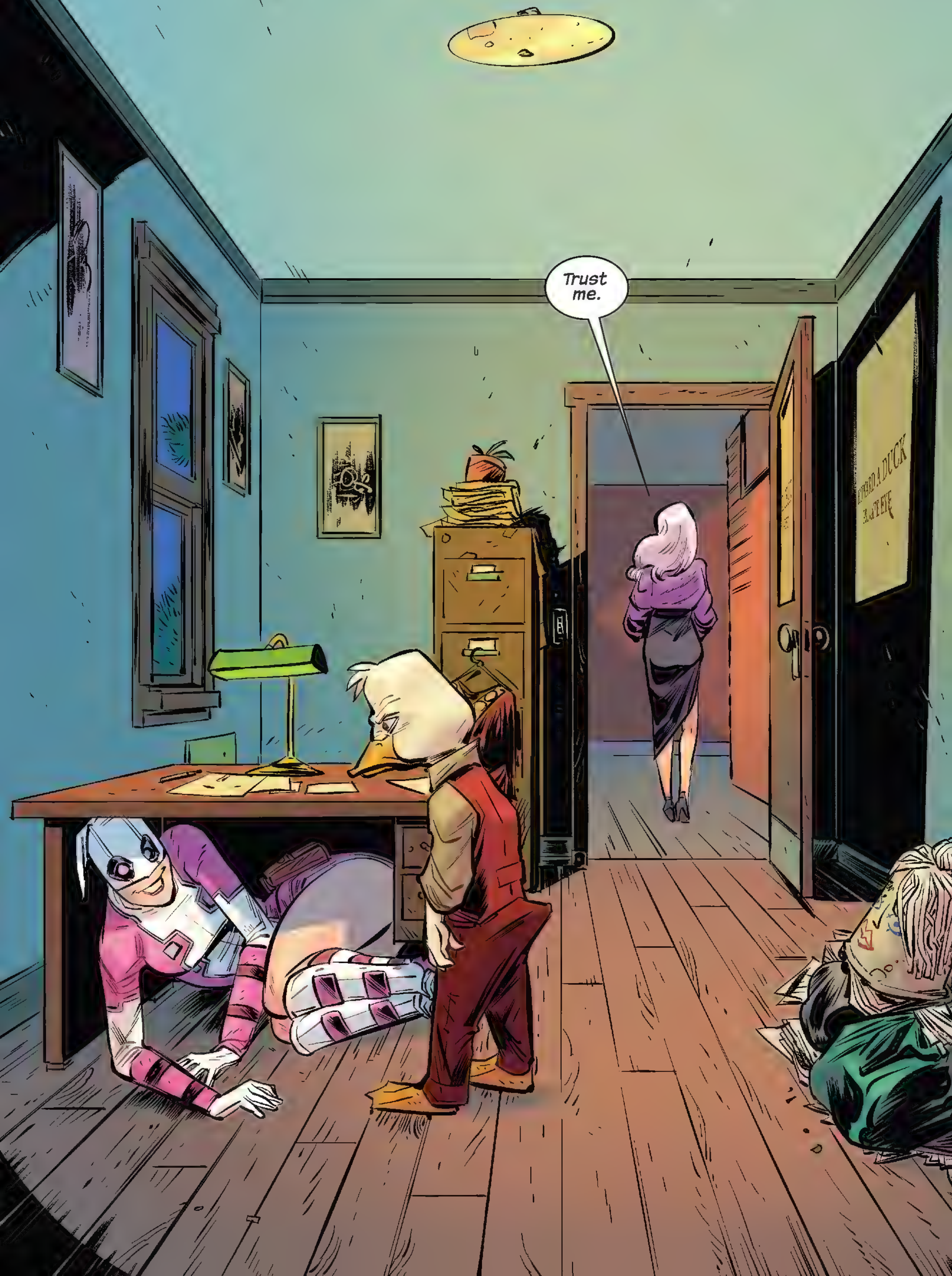


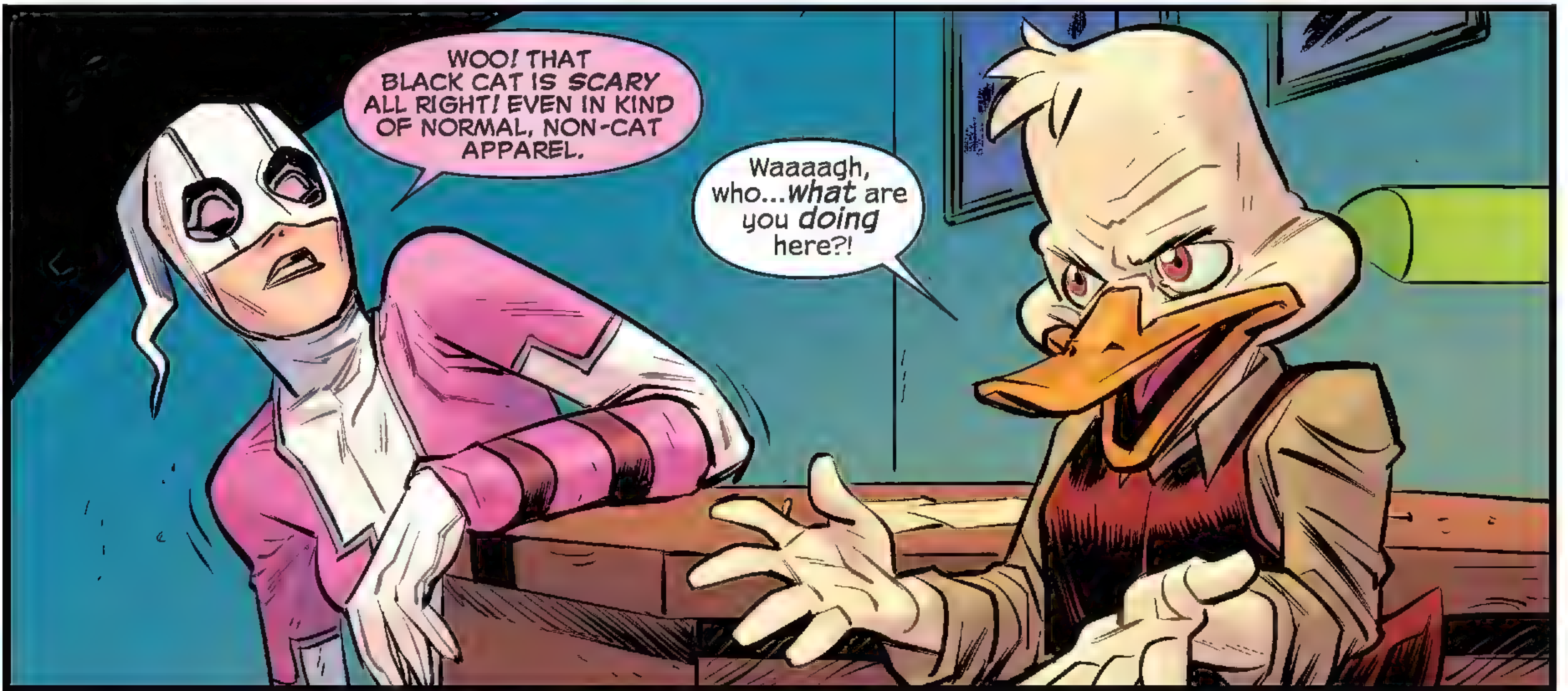


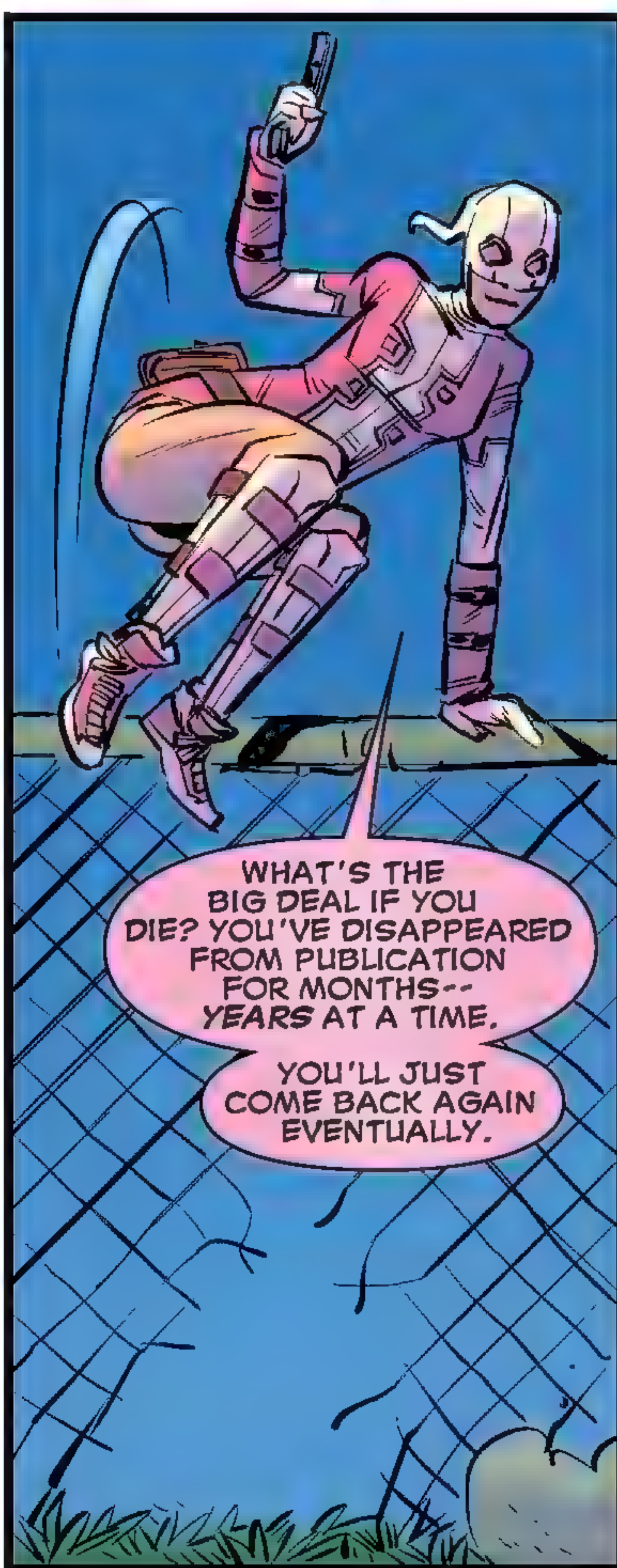


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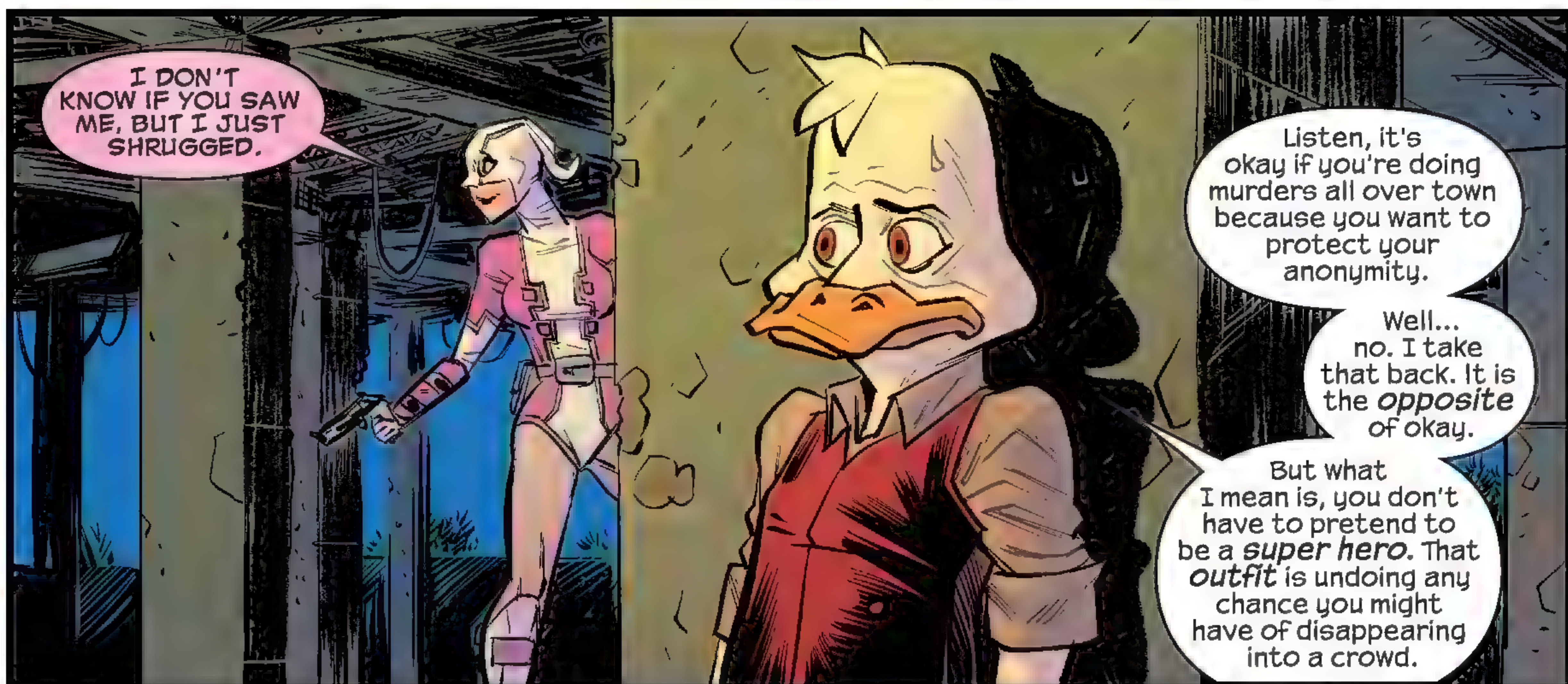
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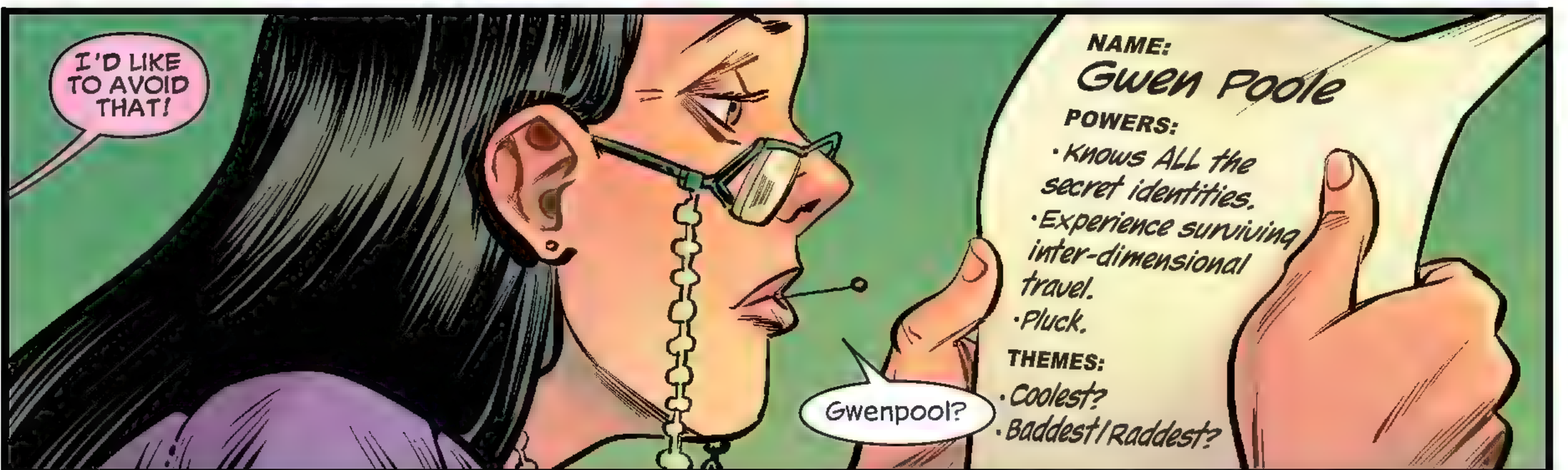
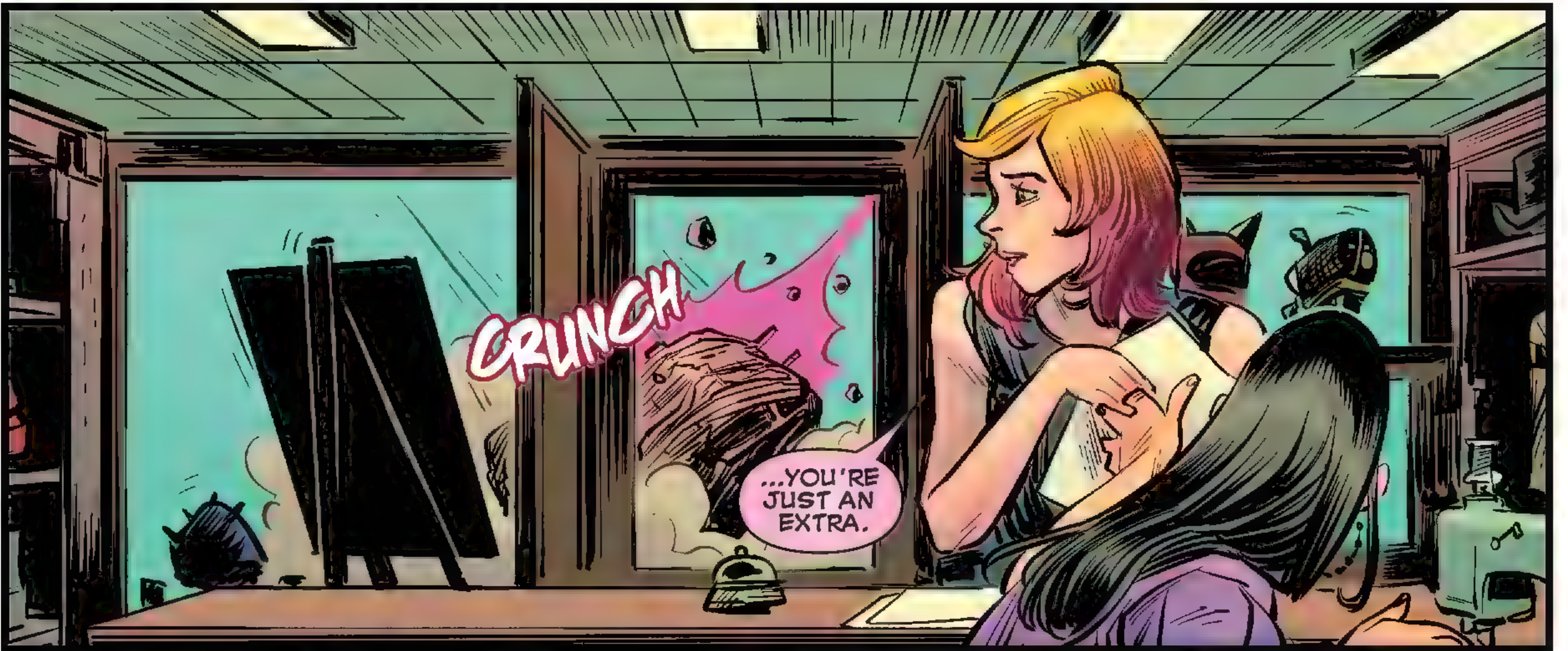
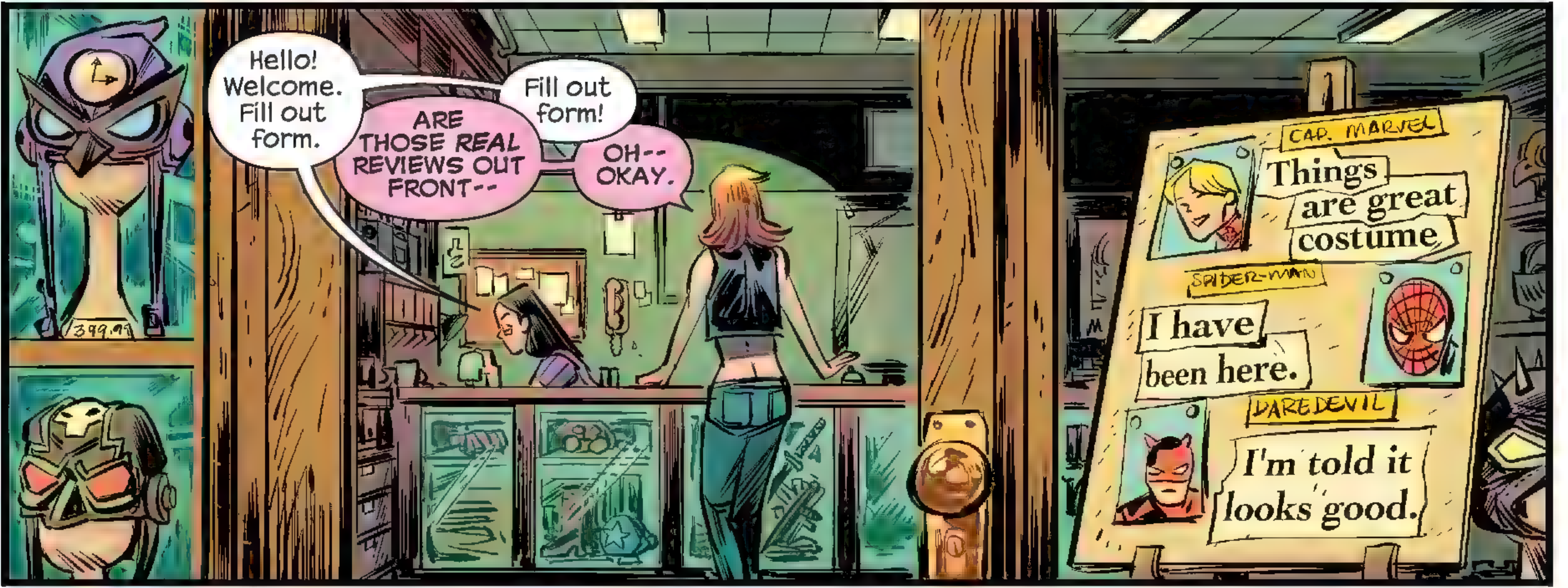


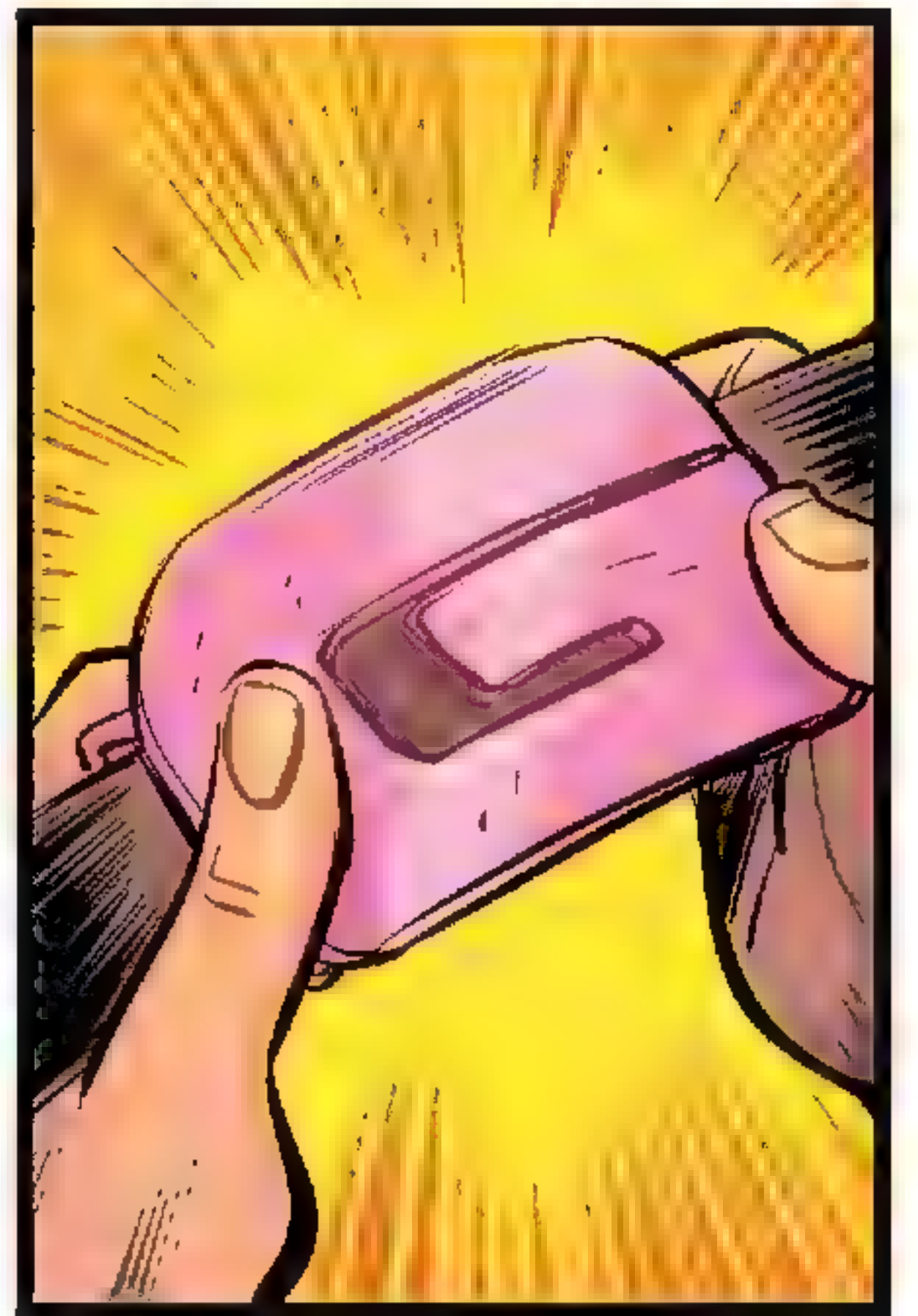
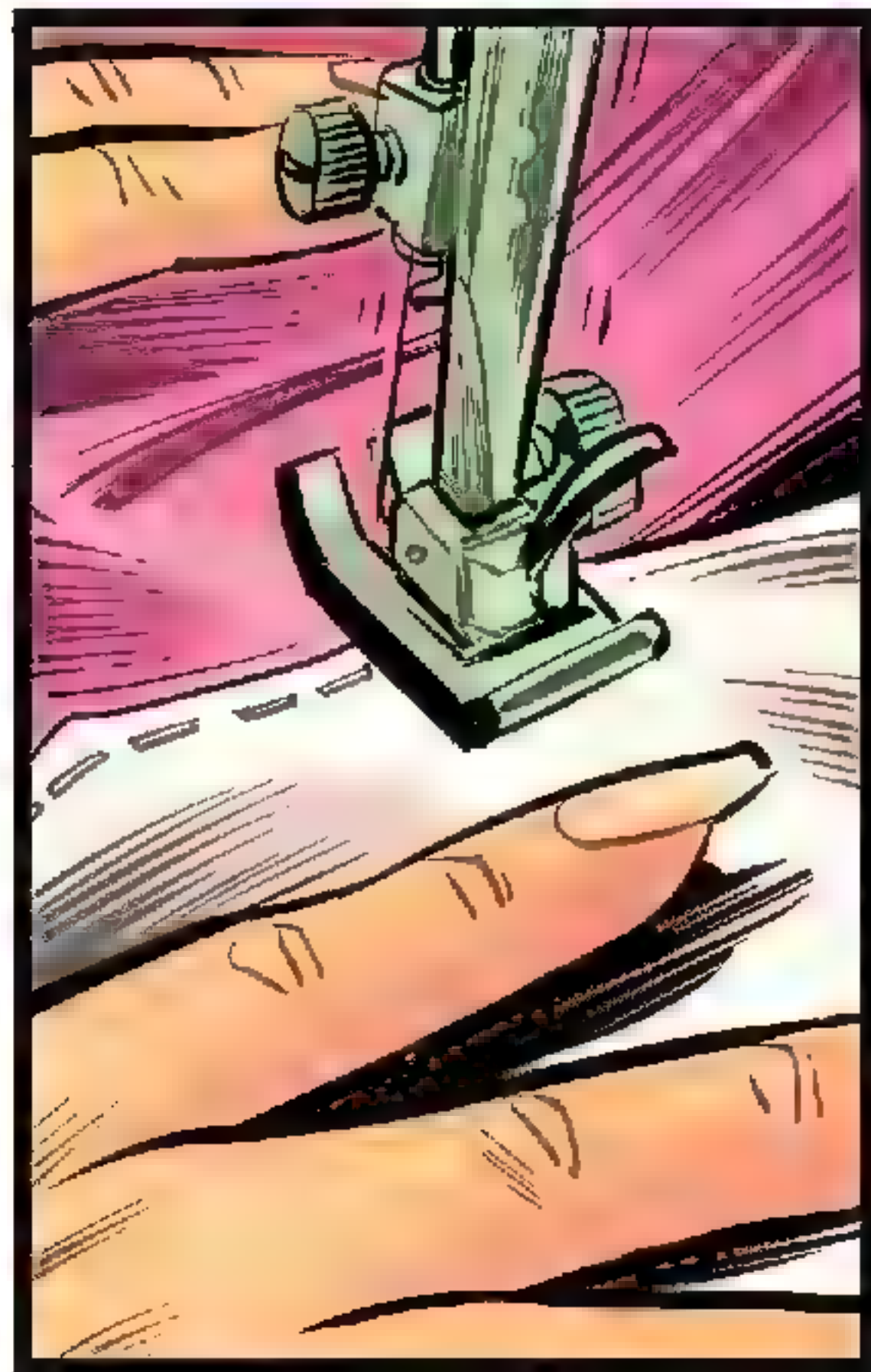


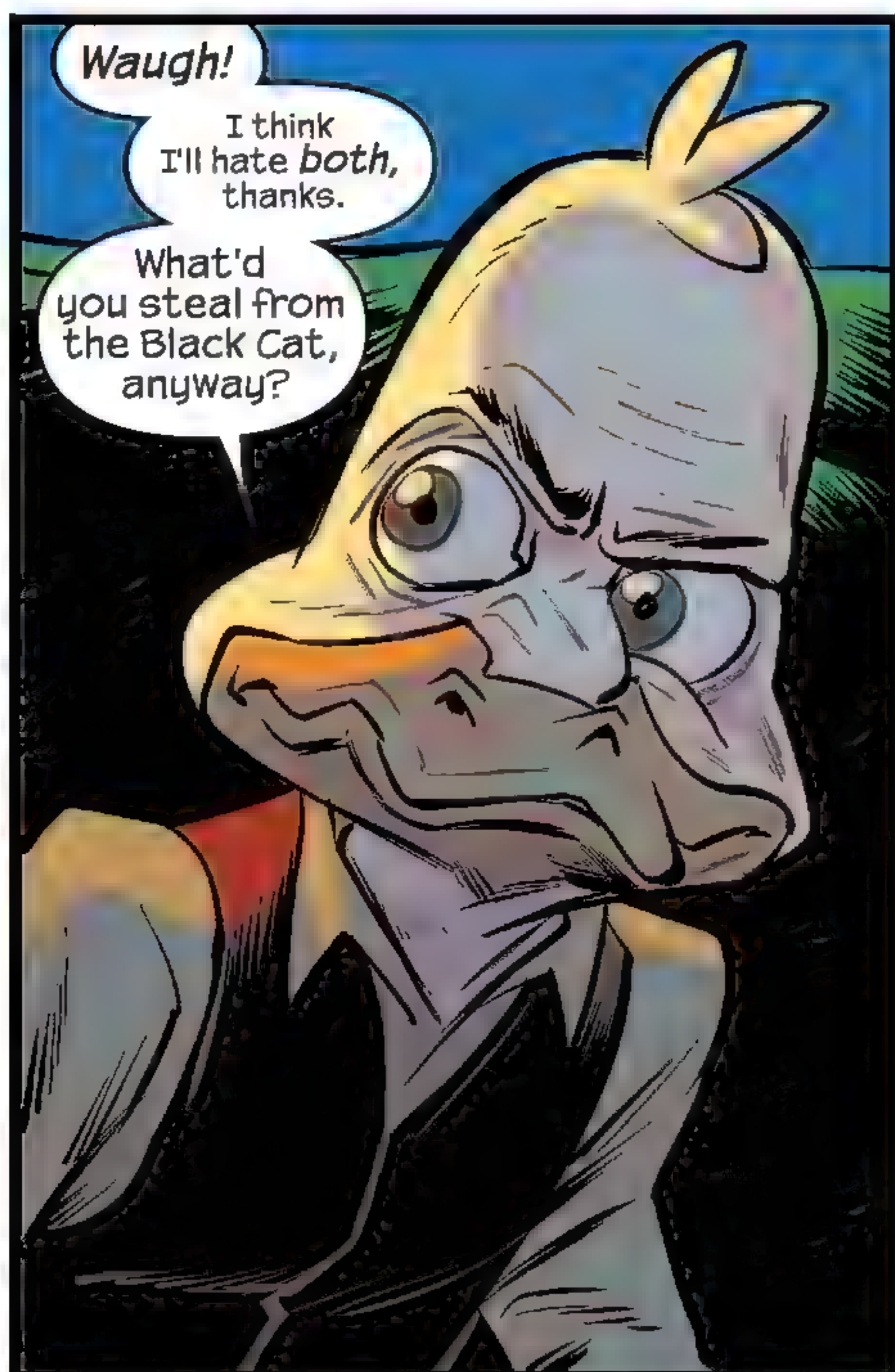
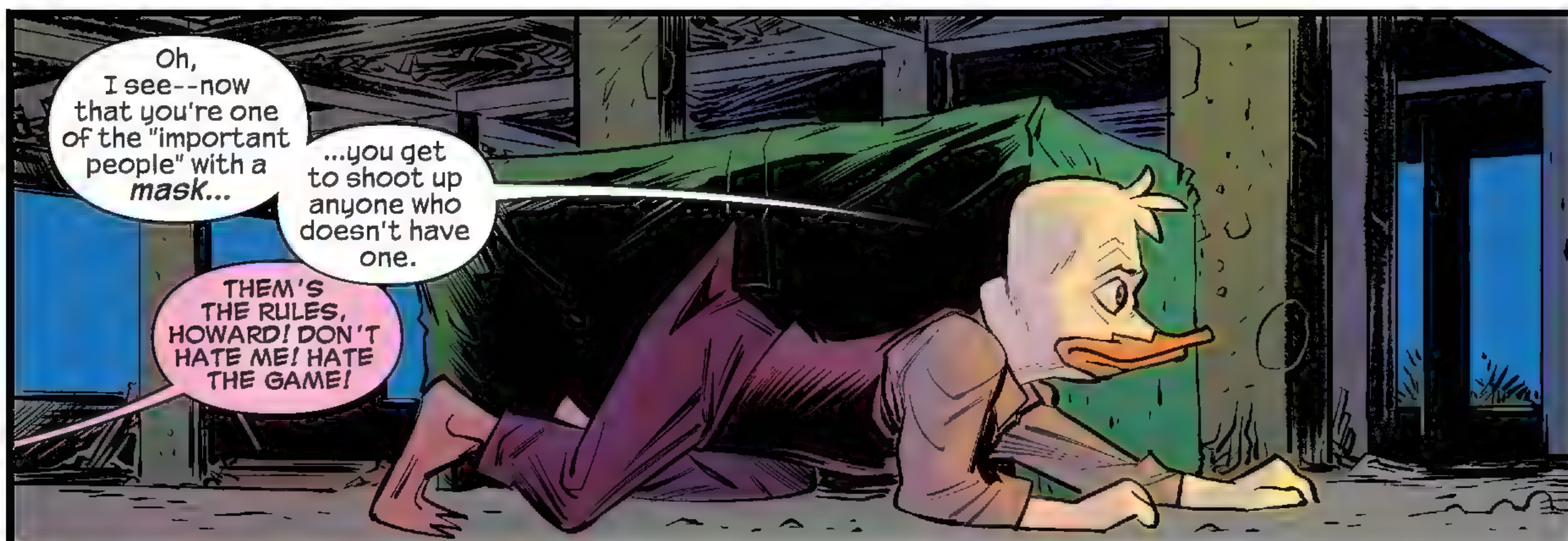


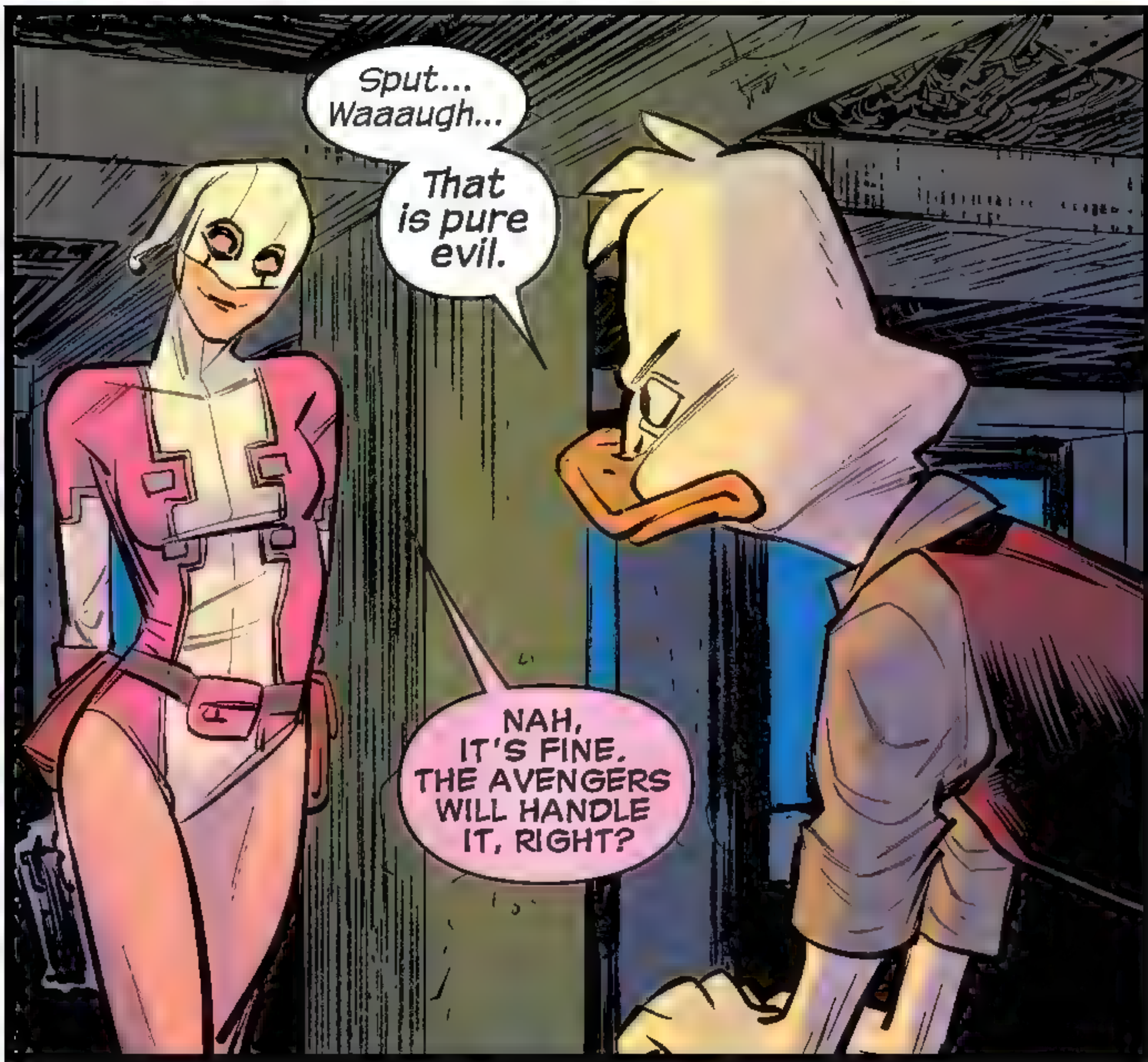
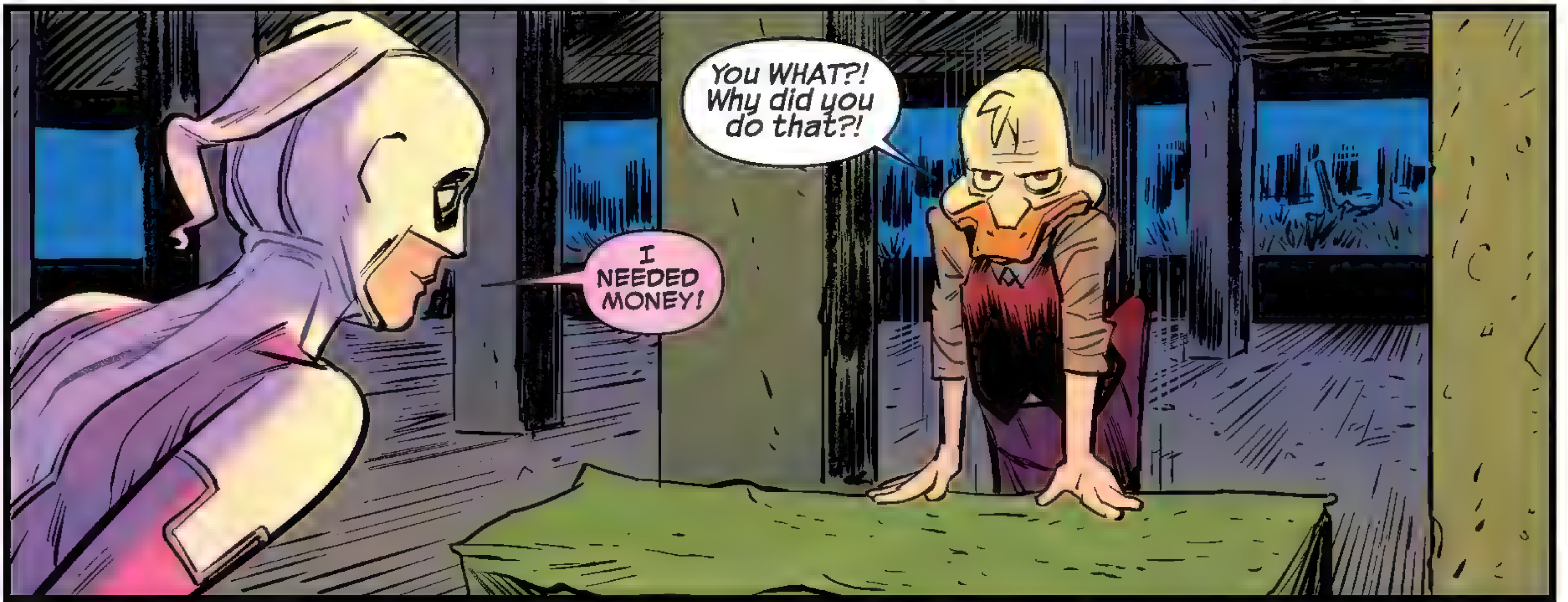














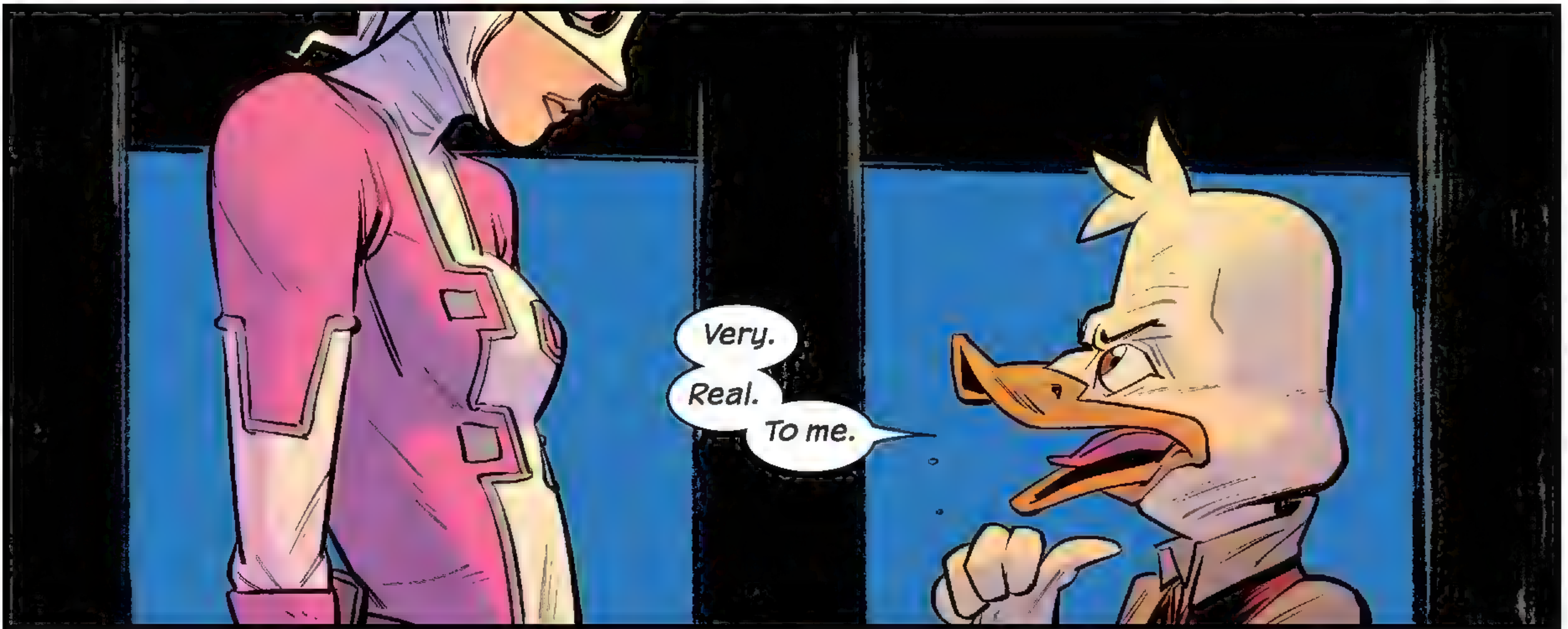
OH...

Listen,
do people come
back from the dead
around here? Yeah.
Sometimes.



And The Avengers
solve a lot of world-
destroying problems!
This I will admit!

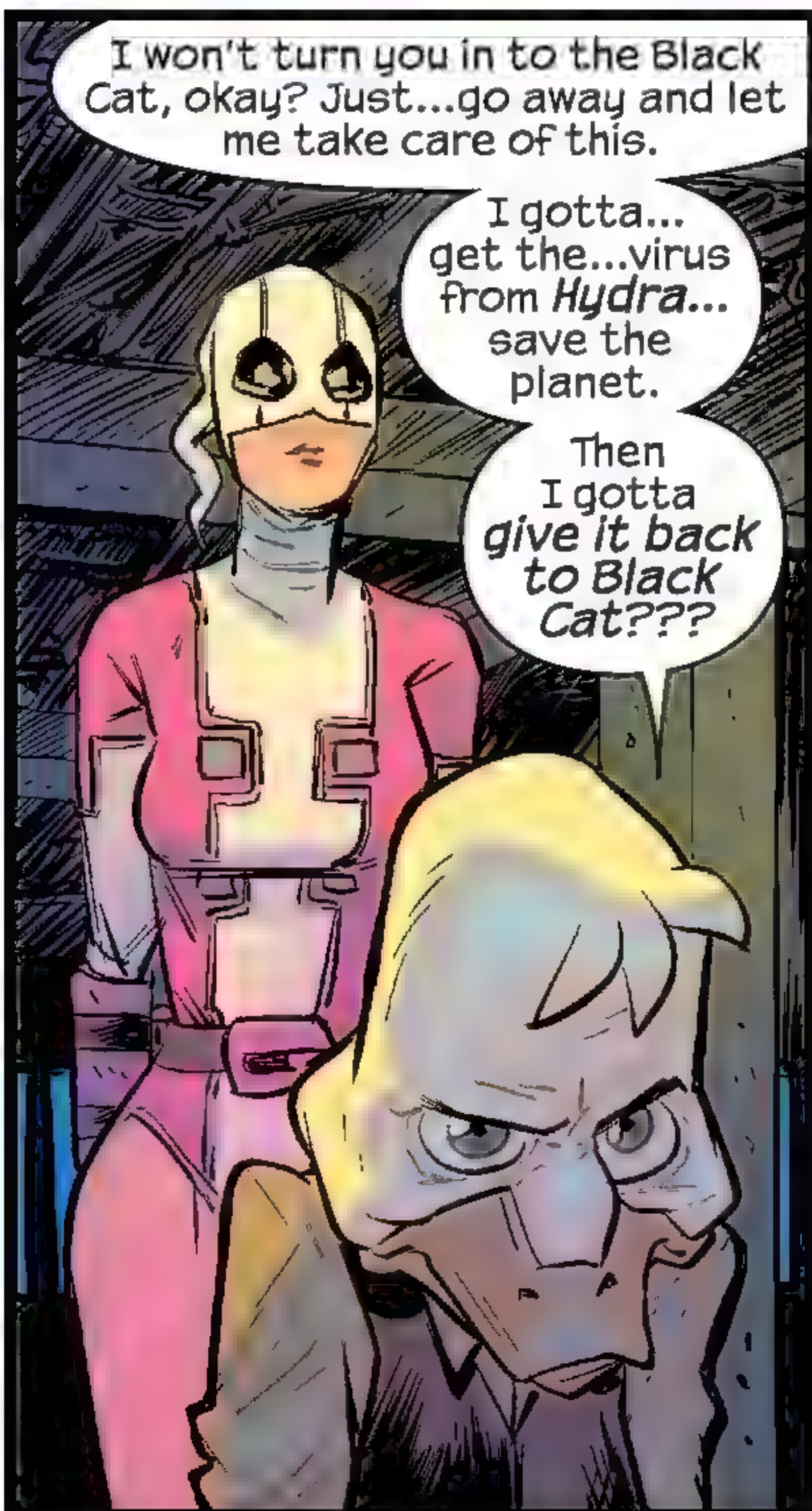
But you
are acting like
this is *fictional*,
so *please* let me
assure you that
it is all...



Very.

Real.

To me.



I won't turn you in to the Black
Cat, okay? Just...go away and let
me take care of this.

I gotta...
get the...virus
from *Hydra*...
save the
planet.

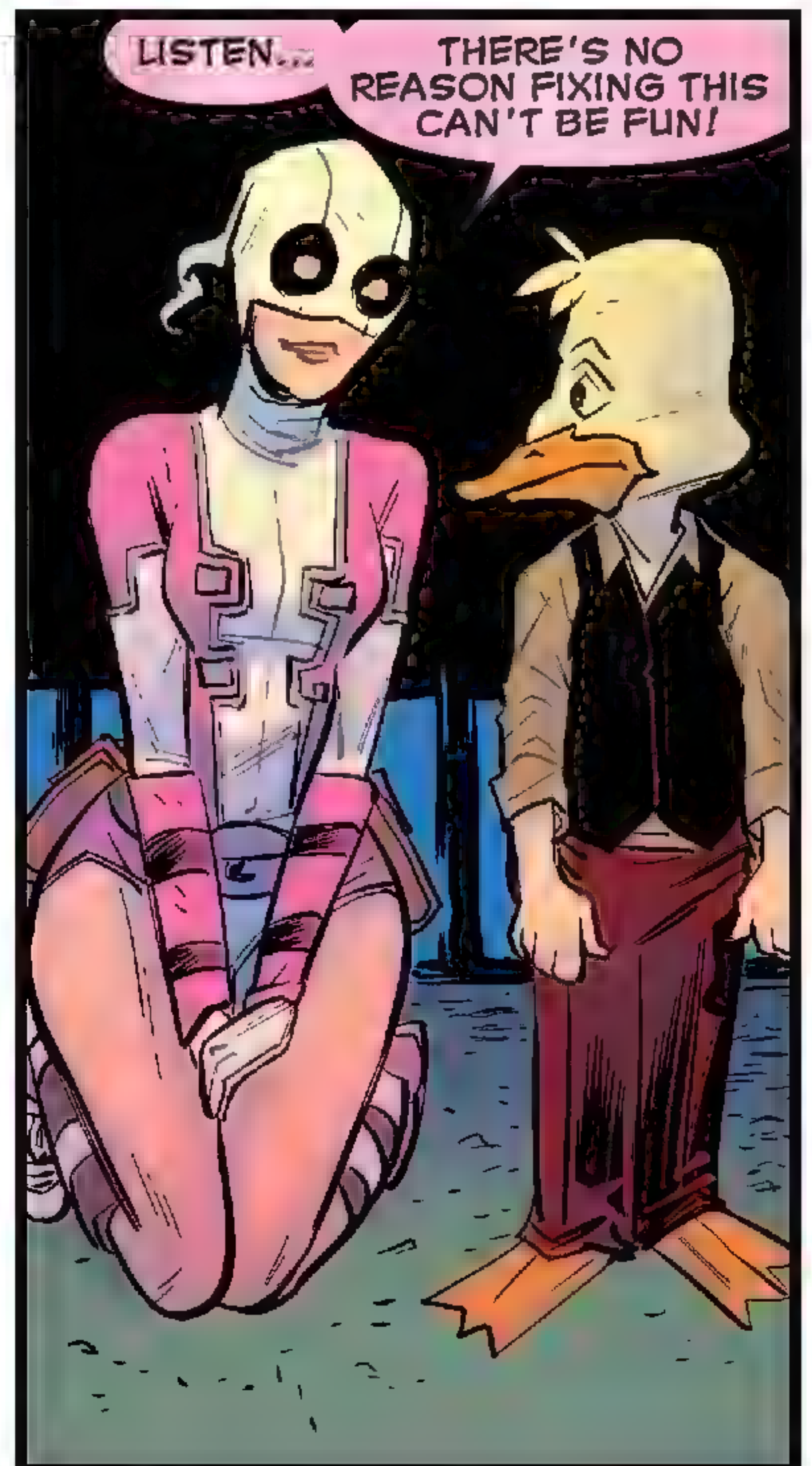
Then
I gotta
give it back
to *Black
Cat*???



Yep,
gotta do
that or she'll
put me in
jail.

Then
I guess...
hope she has
the world's best
interests at
heart?

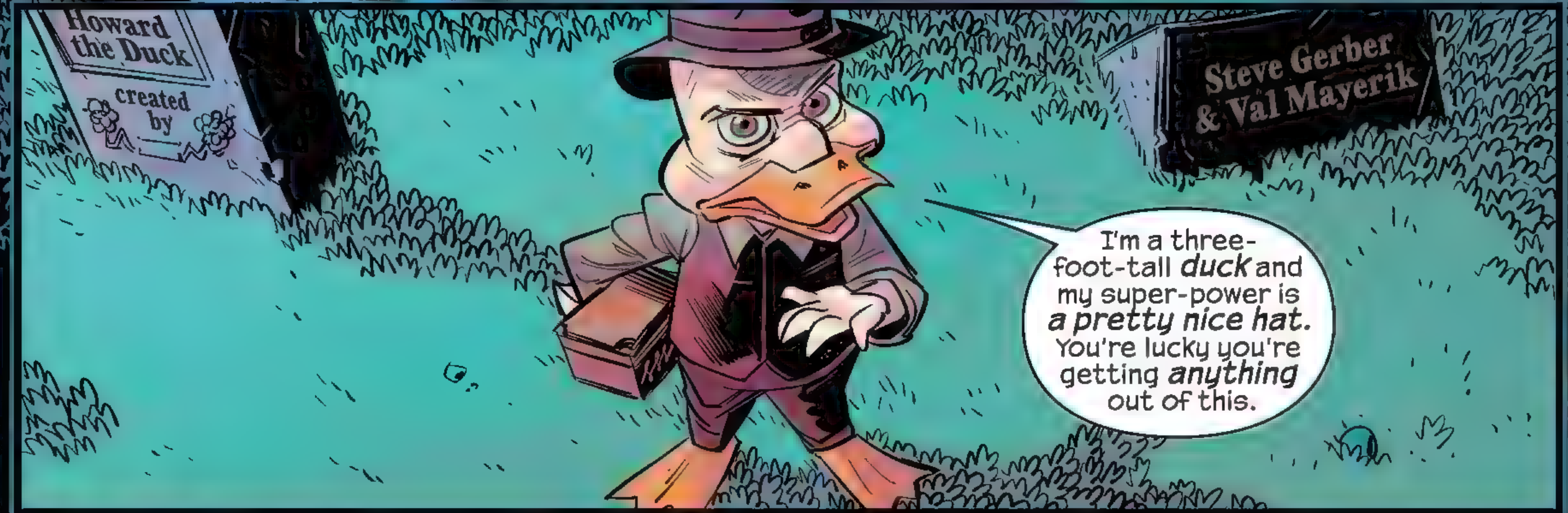
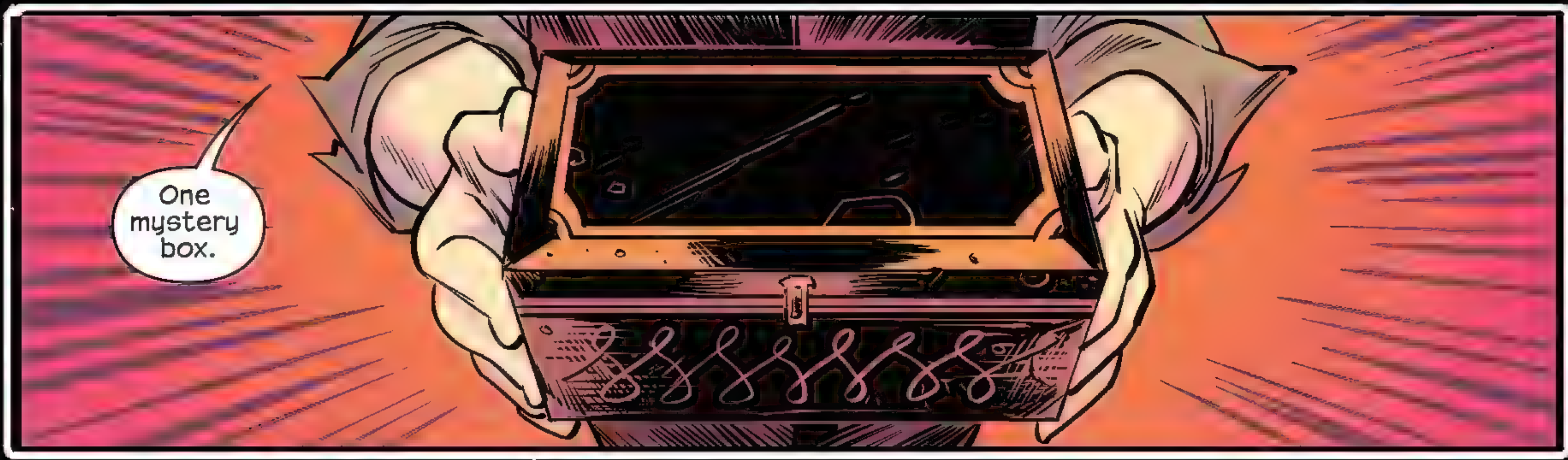
=Sigh=
We're all
doomed.



LISTEN...

THERE'S NO
REASON FIXING THIS
CAN'T BE FUN!





"I nearly *died*
trying to
get the thing."

I can't fly
I can't fly
I can't fly!!

Ms. Poole if You're Nasty (Part Three of Three)

WOOOO!





Symptoms of the bio-weapon are proceeding perfectly.

Portion the powder through the subway. The air currents will do the rest.



Brilliant, ma'am.

I saw a thing about it on PBS.



Once the city realizes its pandemic, we can make whatever demands we choose for the cure.

Or not! We could just let it die, and rise in its husk.

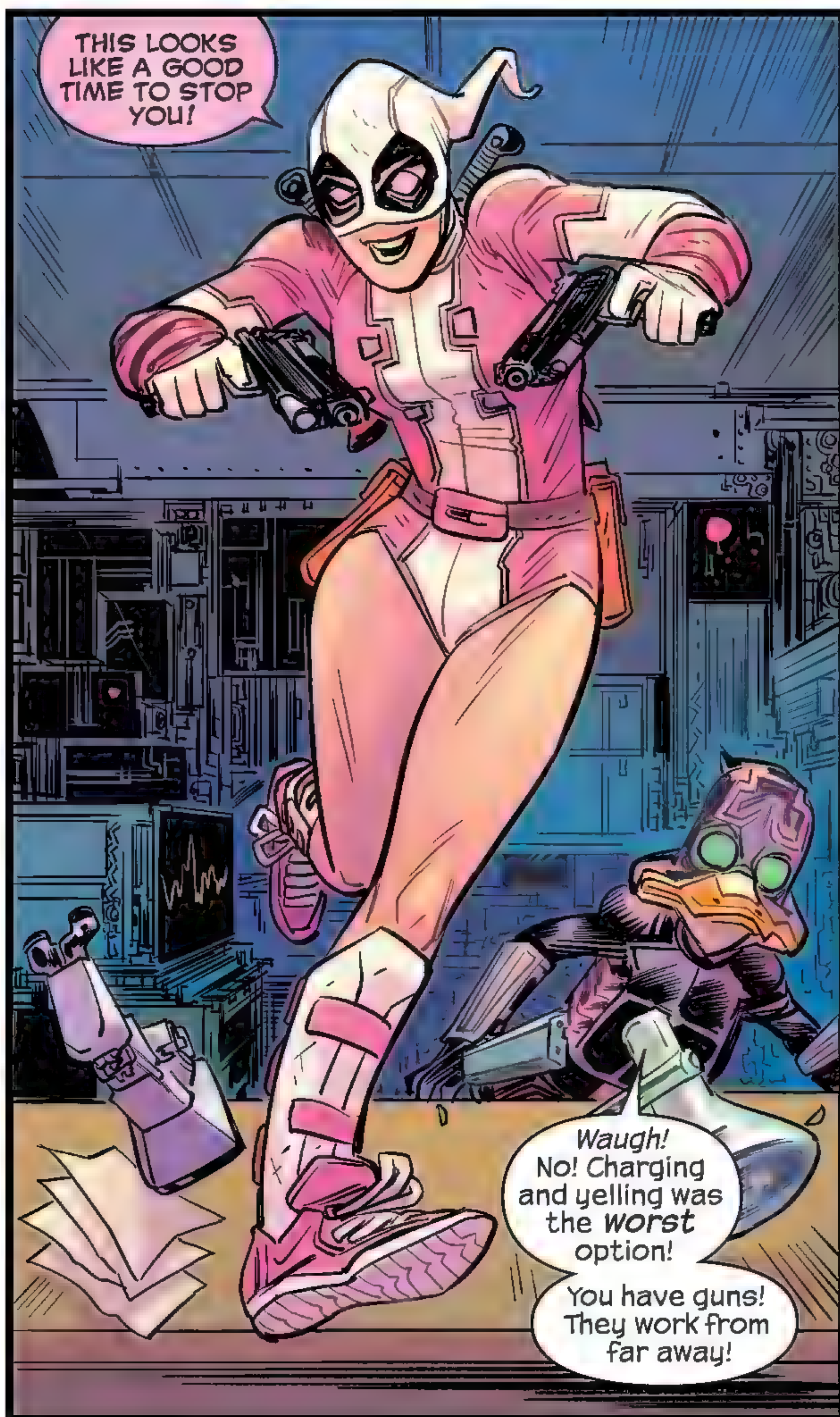


Would *love* to get that cure, ASAP if possible...

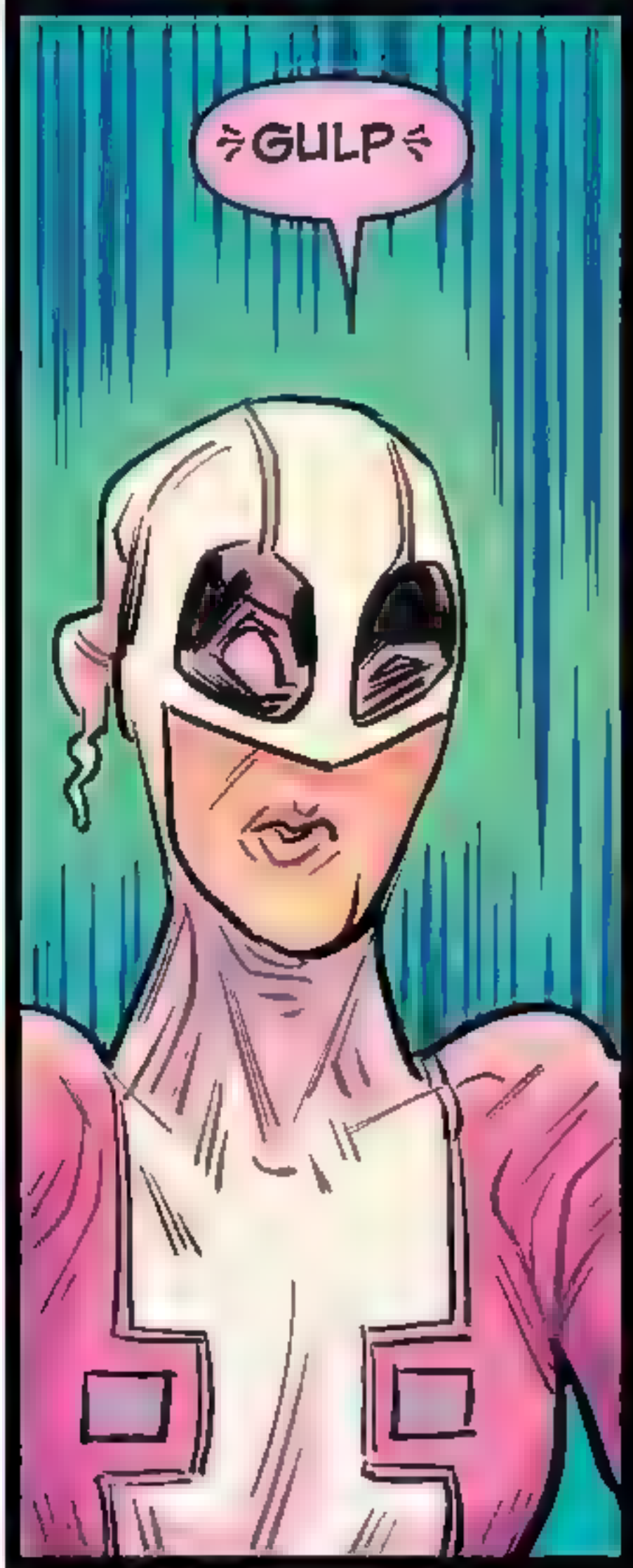
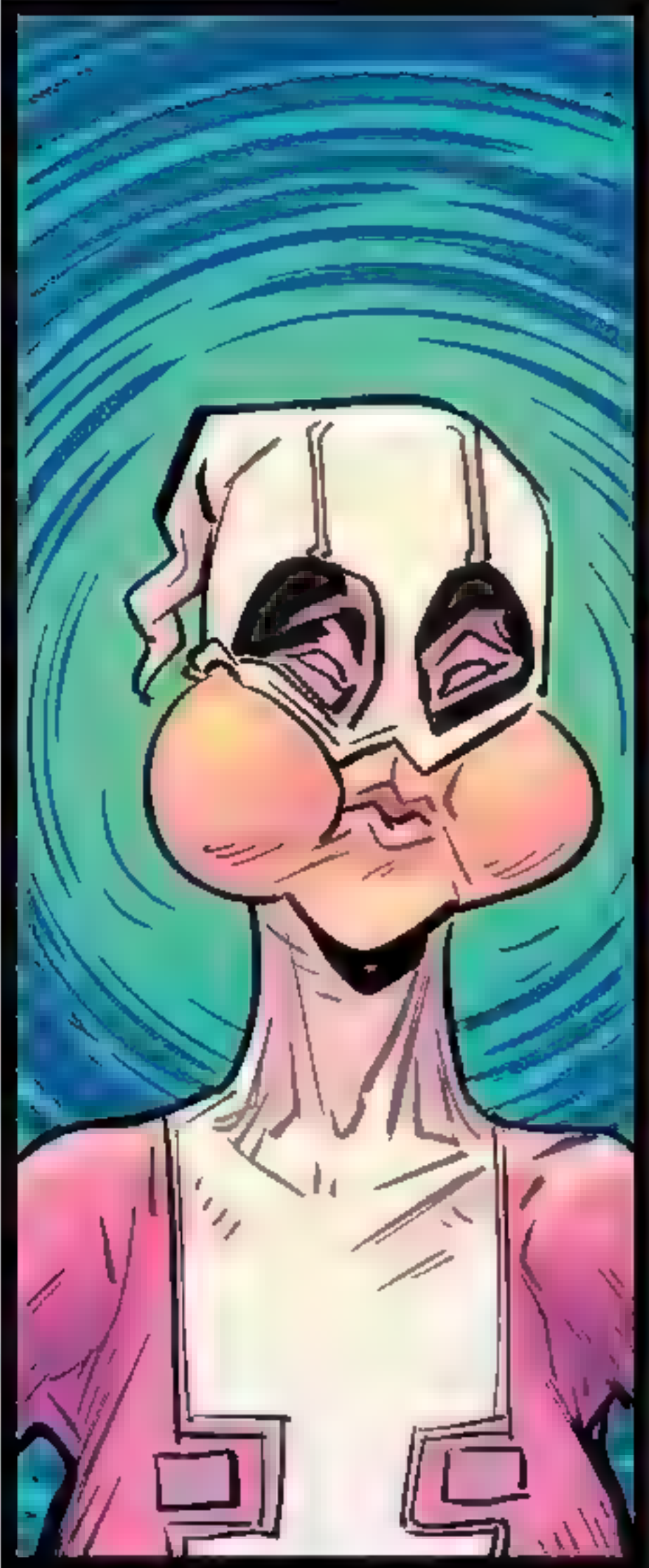
Silence.

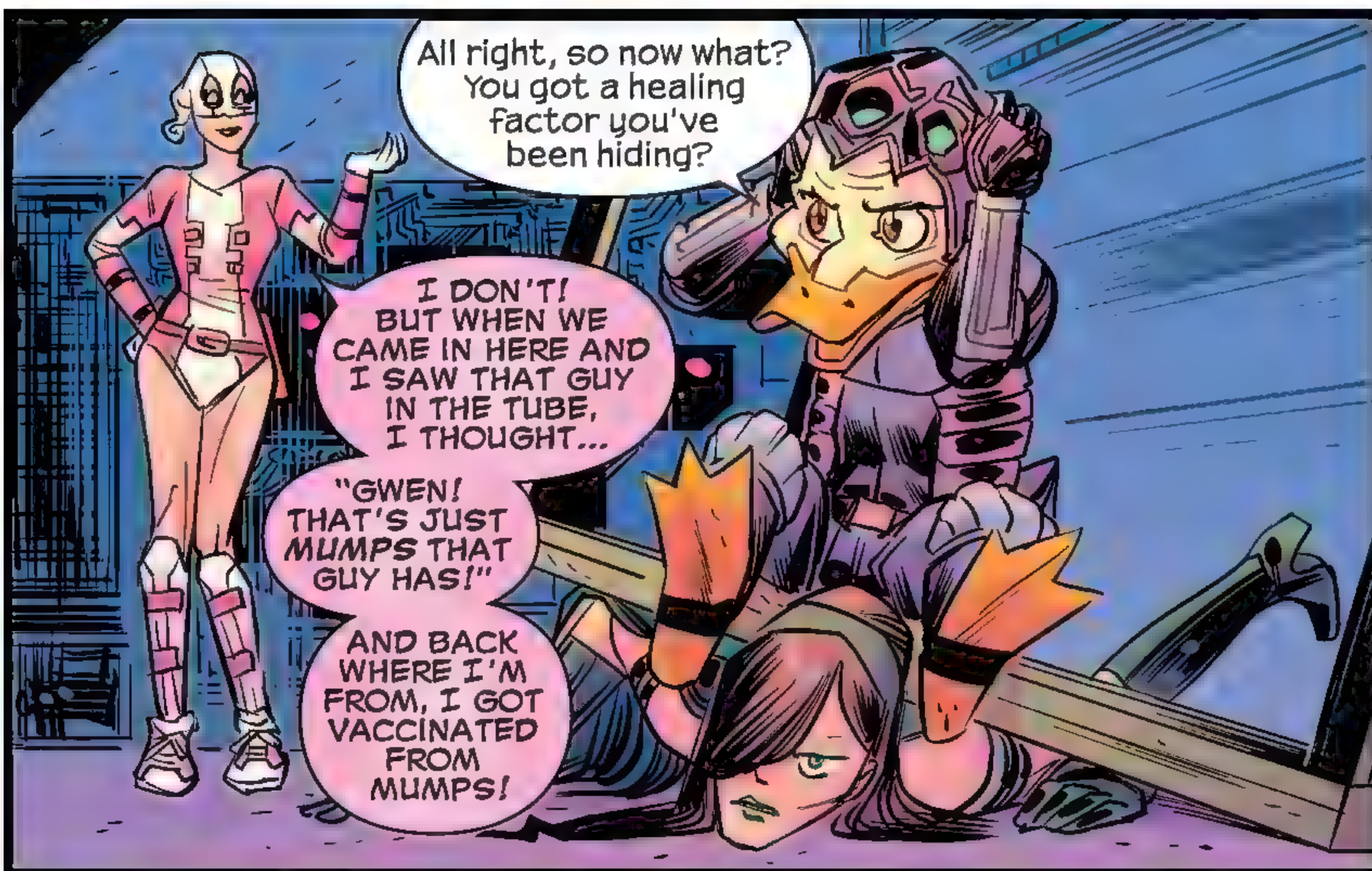
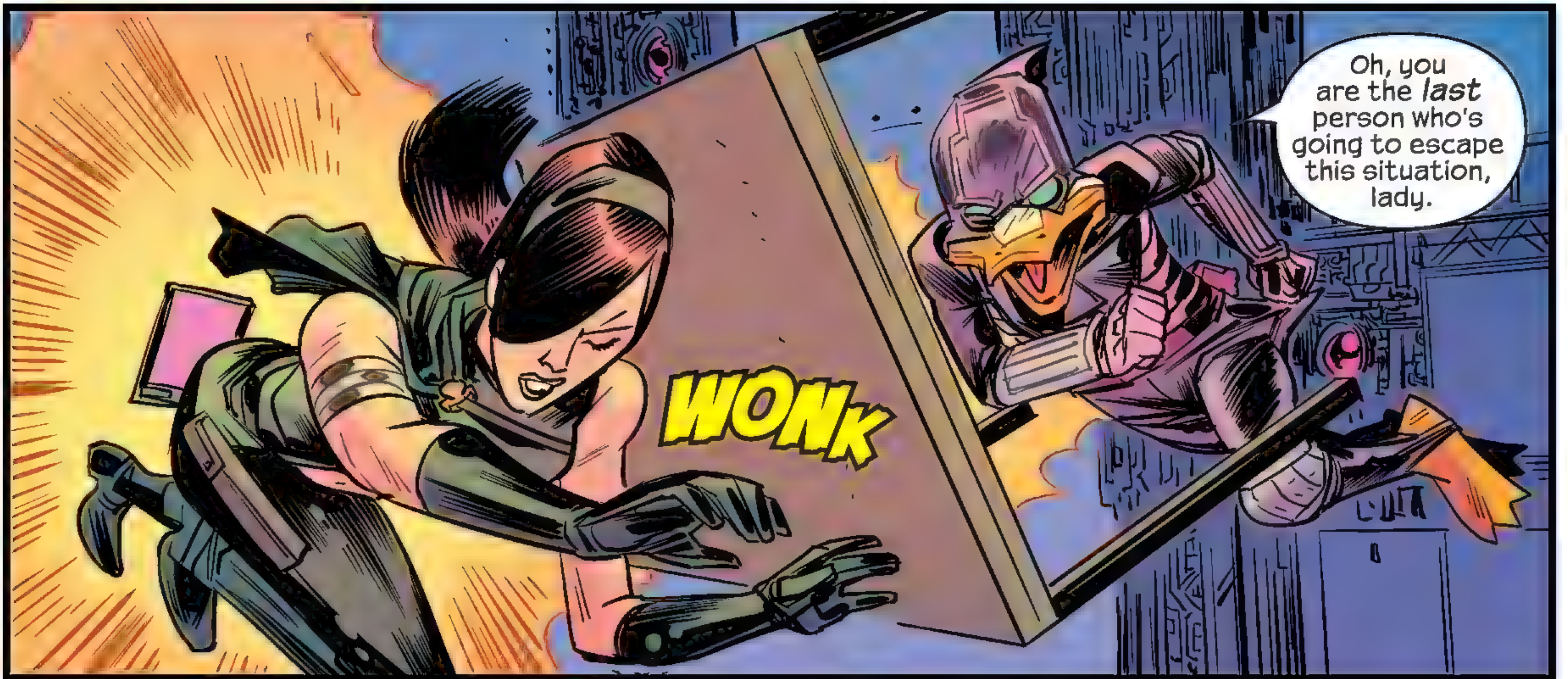


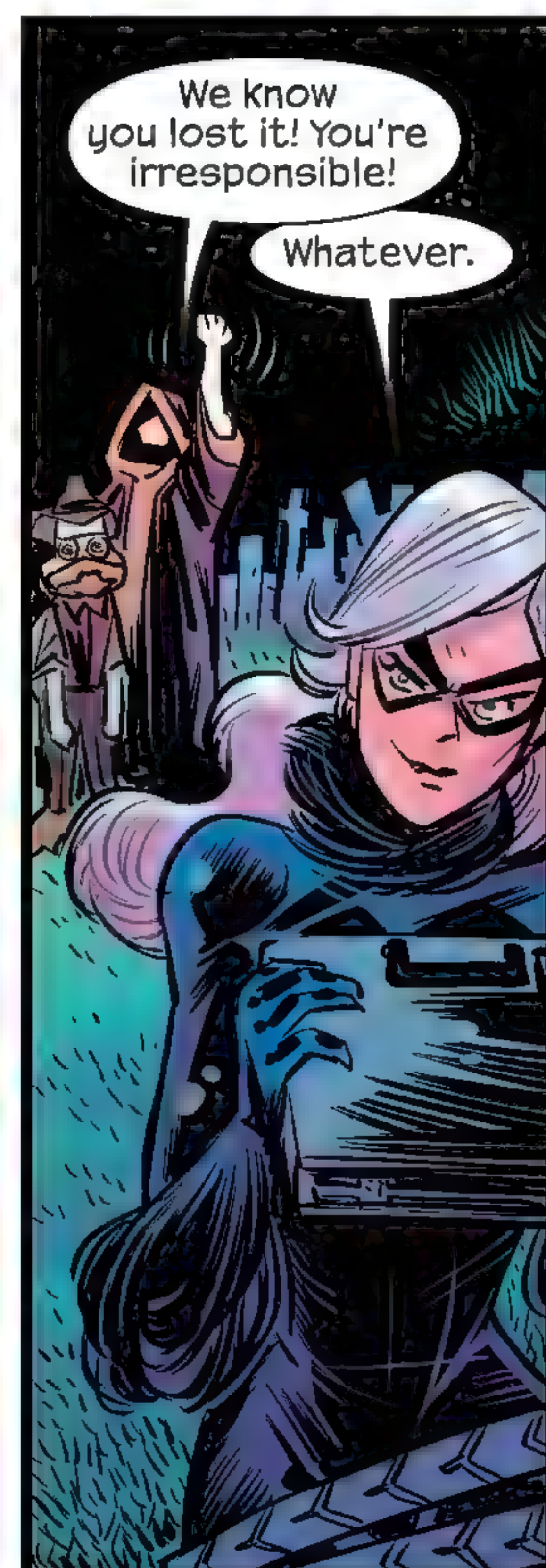
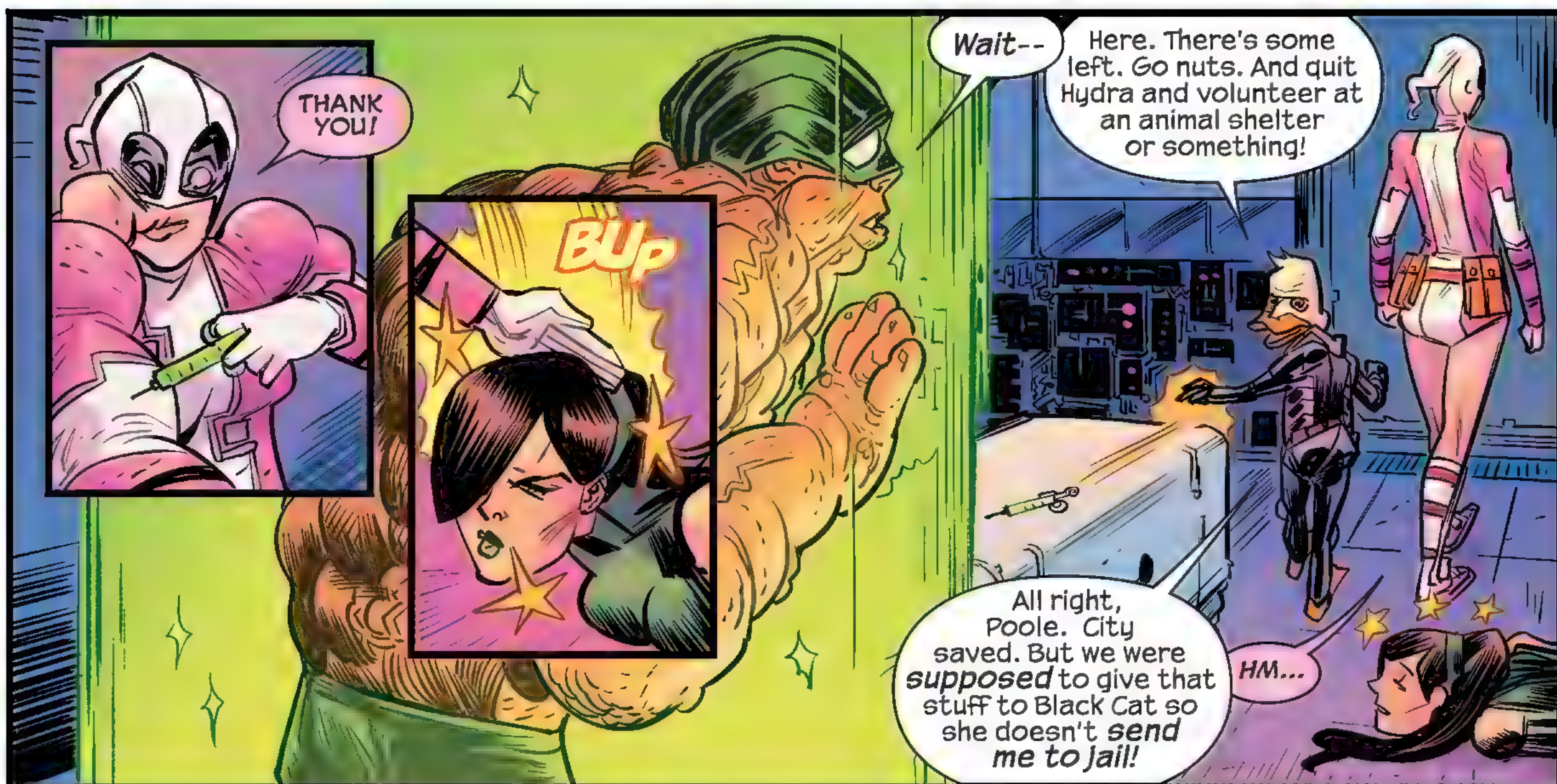
Well...now what? Other than ceasing all breathing completely while in this room, obviously.

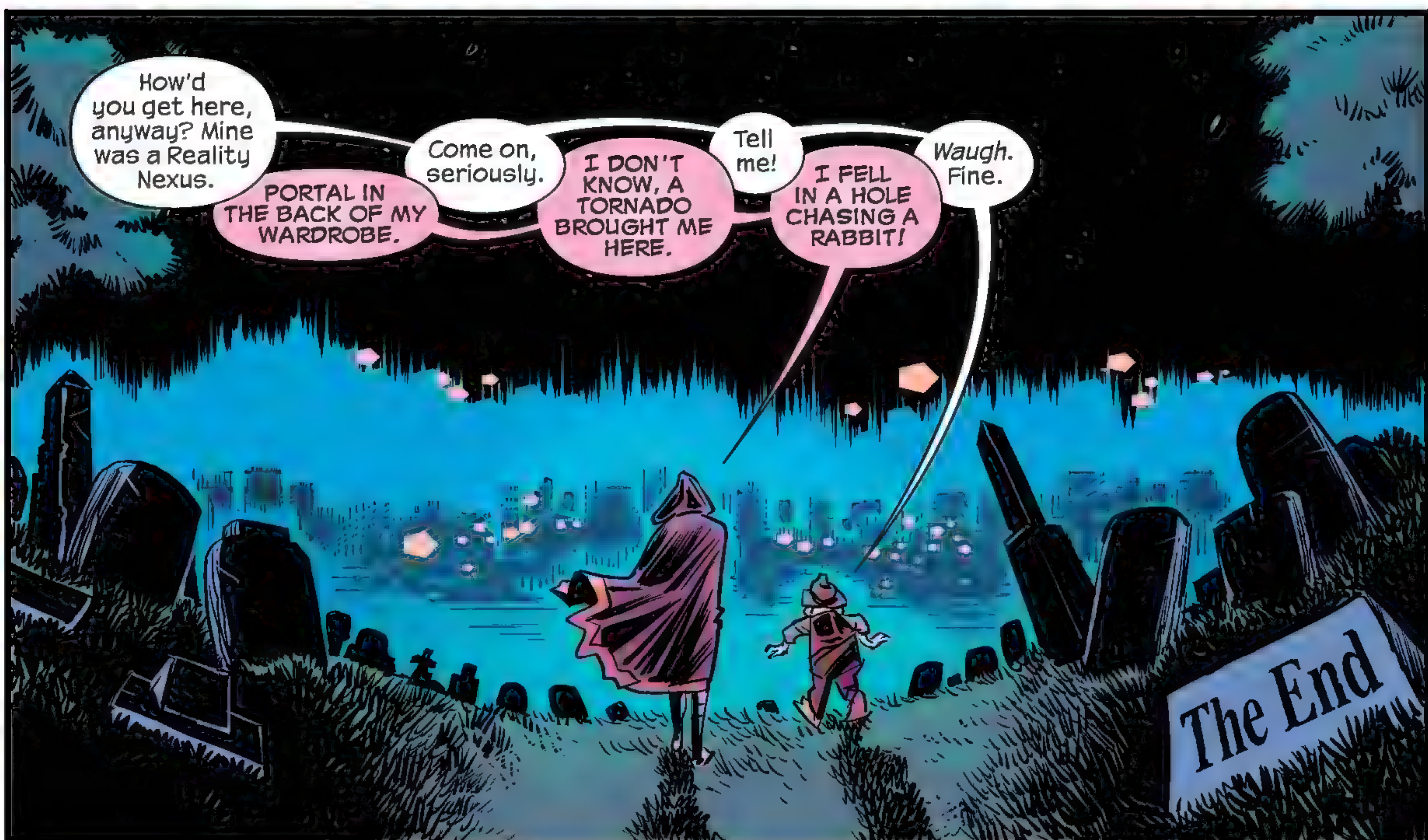
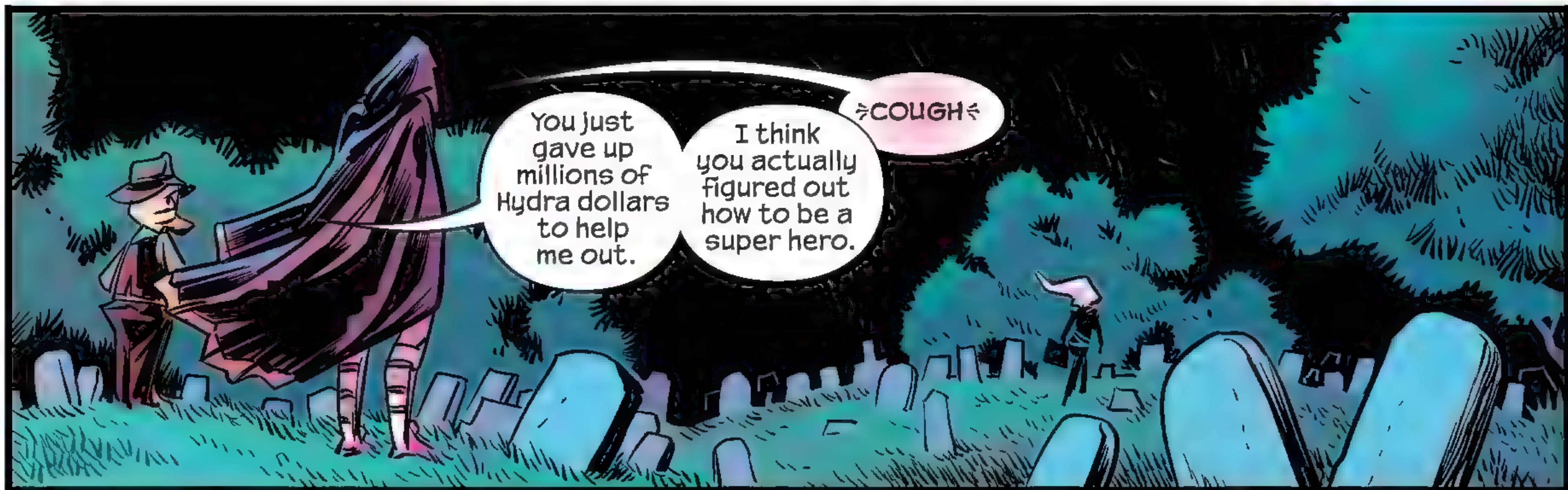












WINTER *Holiday Special*





EARLIER, SOMEWHERE ELSE.
BUT SOON IT WILL ALL CATCH UP.

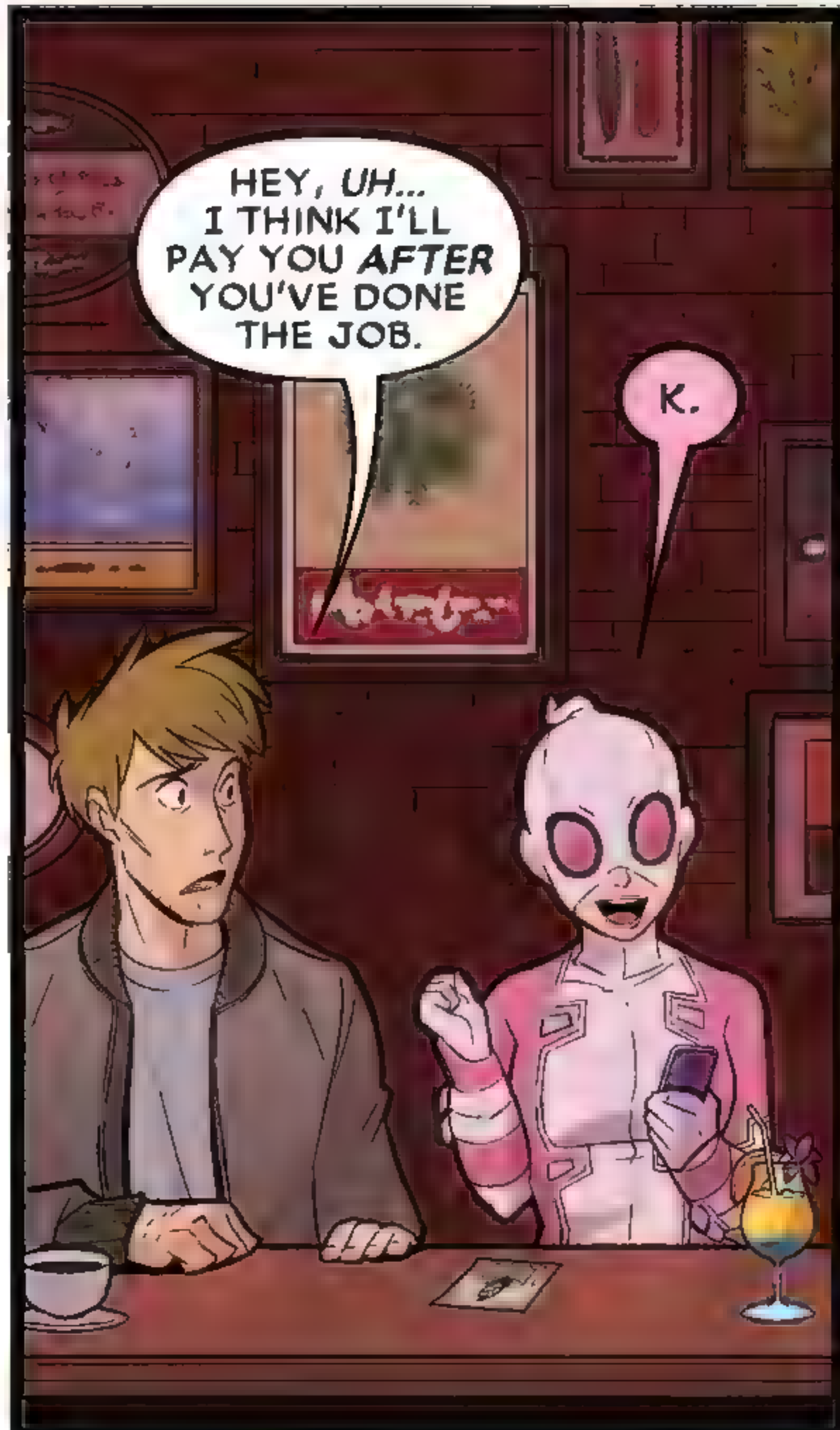
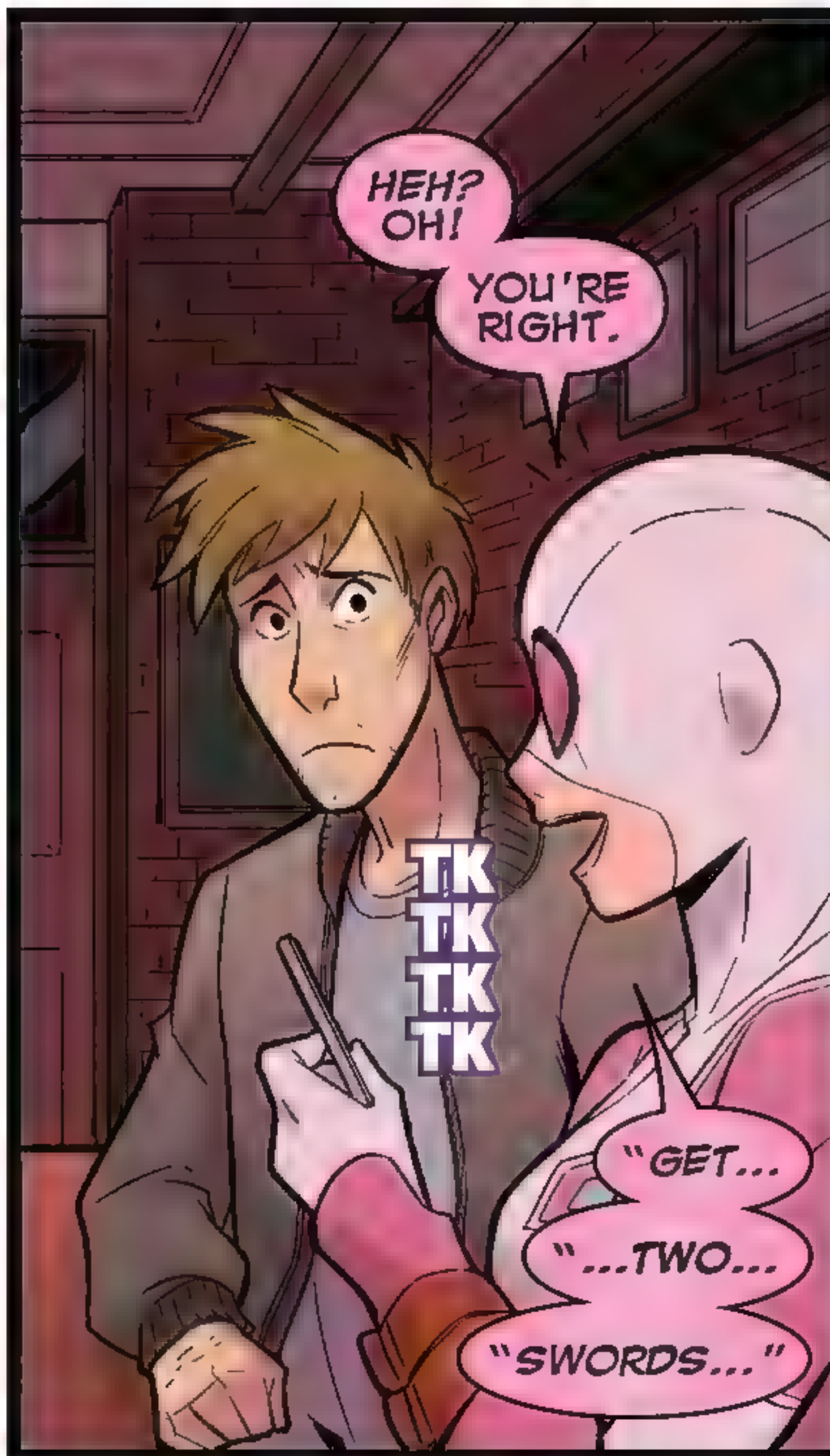
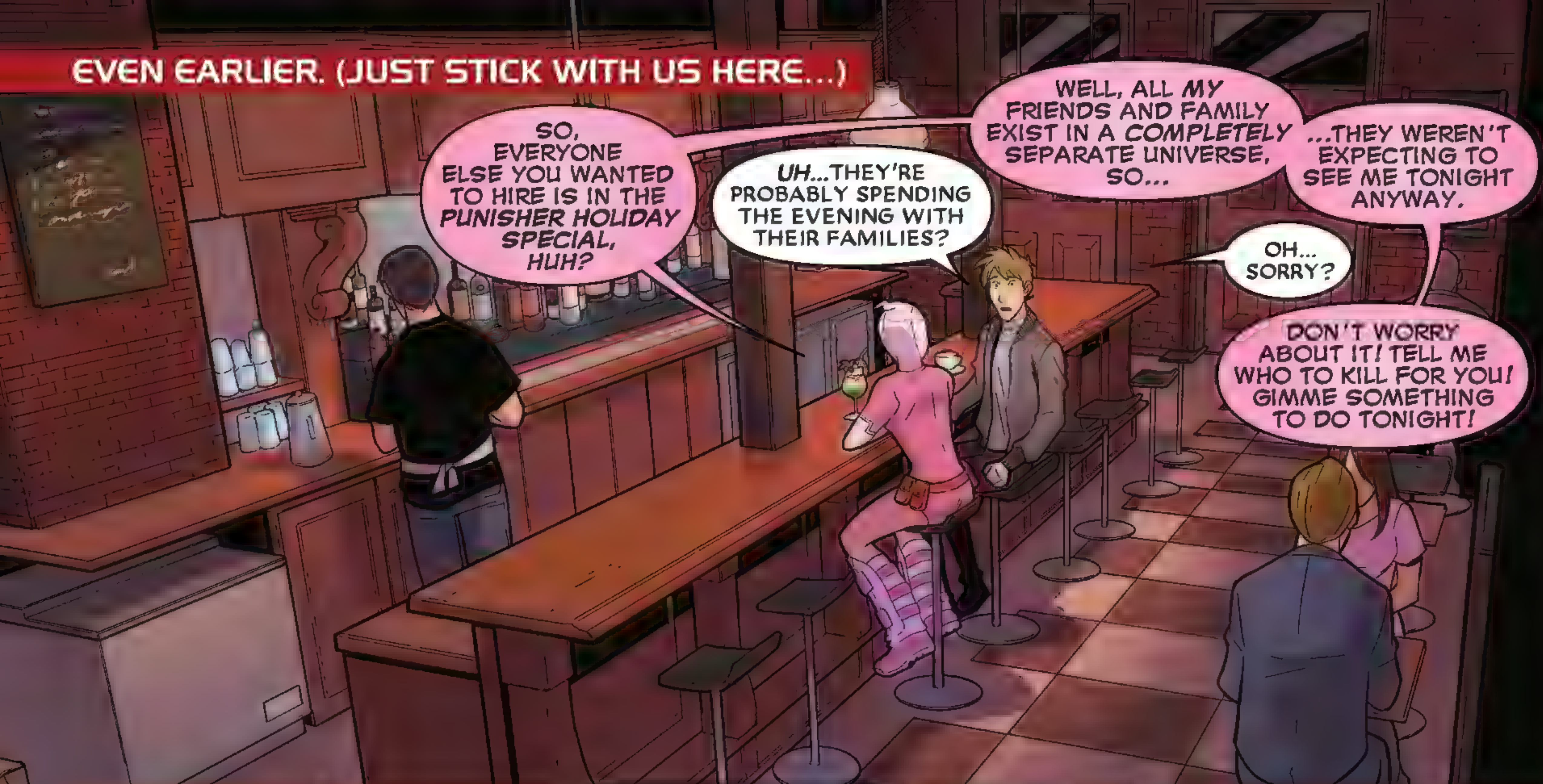
MORE OR LESS.
PRETTY MUCH.

JUST YOU WAIT.

'SUP
BABIES!

GWENPOOL'S
HOLIDAY
ADVENTURE

EVEN EARLIER. (JUST STICK WITH US HERE...)





YOU'RE GONNA
BE WALKIN' DOWN
SOME FILTHY ALLEYWAY.
WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN A
DERANGED PSYCHO COMES
AT YOU OUTTA
NOWHERE?

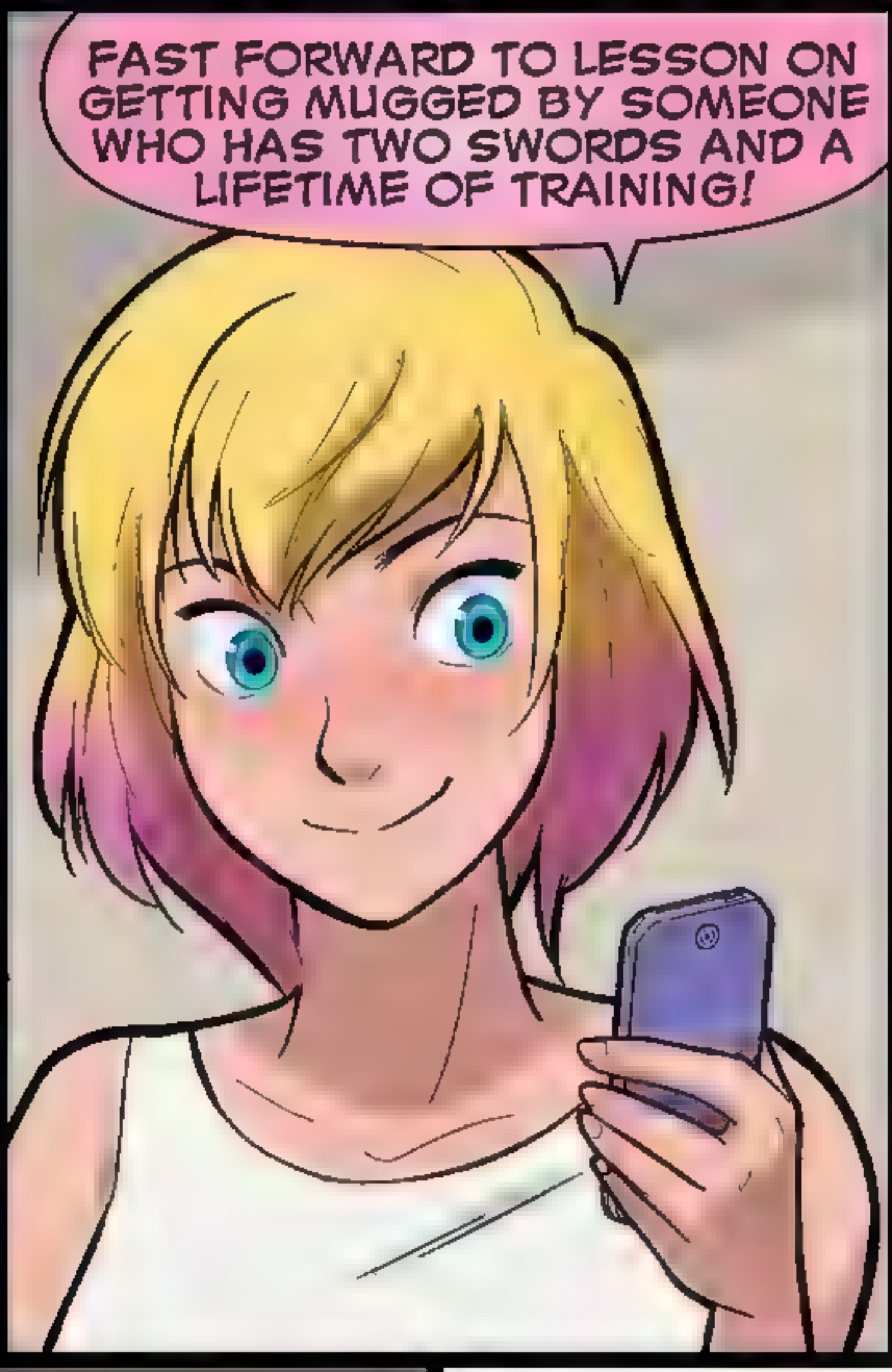


I TELL
YOU WHAT
YOU DO. YOU GO
TO YOUR "HOME
STANCE."



HOME
STANCE.
OKAY.

THIS
ISN'T SO
HARD!



FAST FORWARD TO LESSON
ON GETTING MUGGED BY SOMEONE
WHO HAS TWO SWORDS AND A
LIFETIME OF TRAINING!



OR BUFFER
FIRST. THAT'S
OKAY.
...

I ONLY
HAVE TO GET
INTO A DEADLY
SWORDFIGHT
TONIGHT,
YOUTUBE!

YOU GO
AHEAD AND
BUFFER.

POST-BUFFERING...

UH...SHE'S JUST SPINNING AROUND WITH THE SWORDS.

IS THIS MEANT TO HURT US?

I THINK SO. MISS?

MISS, ARE YOU HERE TO FIGHT US? CAN WE HELP YOU?

MISS, IF YOU'RE HERE TO FIGHT US, WE'LL HAVE TO KILL Y--





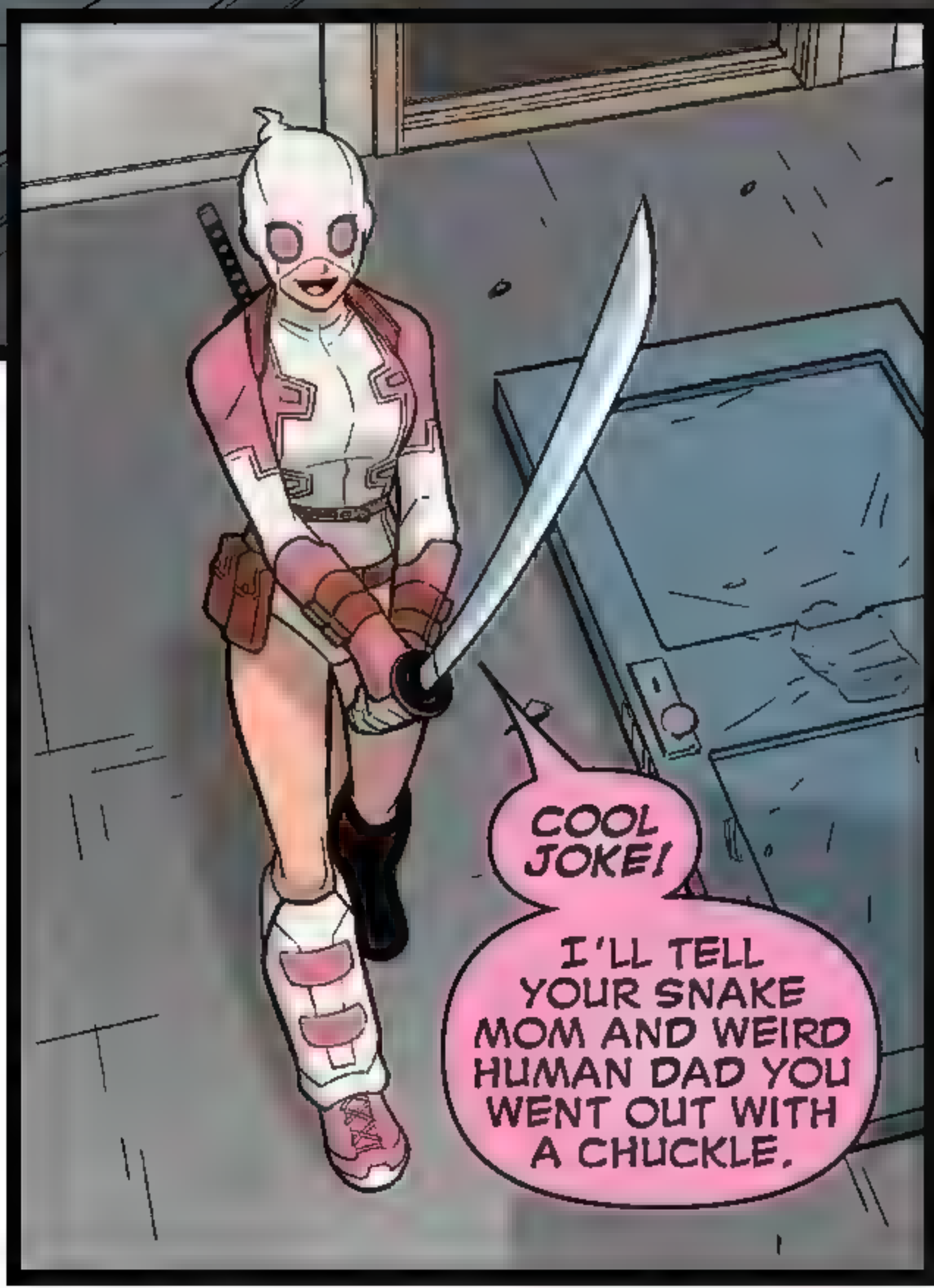
I AM ORTO.

OH, COOL, YOU'RE A SNAKE MONSTER.

ORTO, MY NAME IS GWEN POOLE. I AM THE--

GWENPOOL?

WHAT, YOUR EMPLOYER COULDN'T AFFORD DEADPOOL? HA HA HA HA!



COOL JOKE!

I'LL TELL YOUR SNAKE MOM AND WEIRD HUMAN DAD YOU WENT OUT WITH A CHUCKLE.



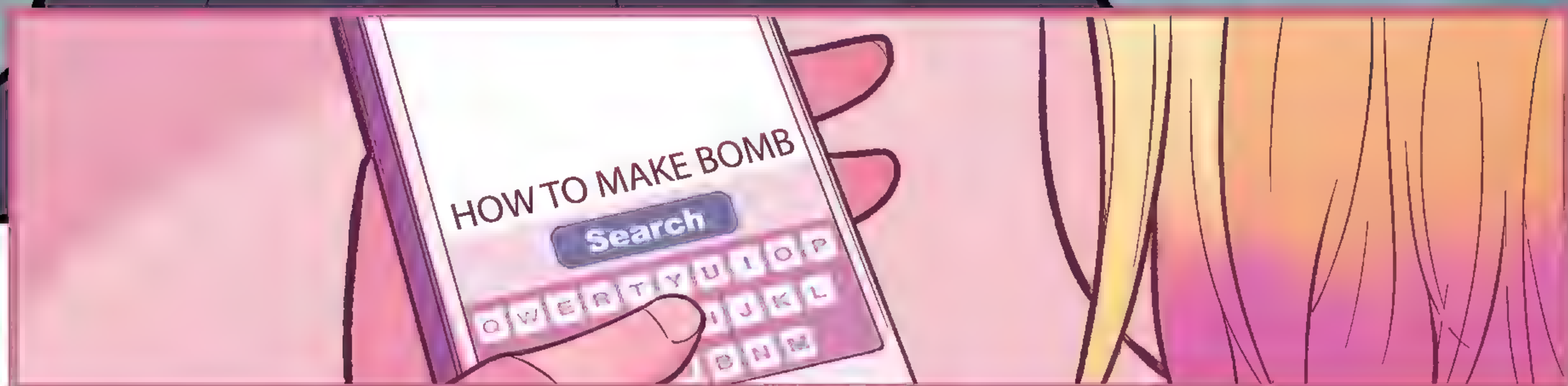
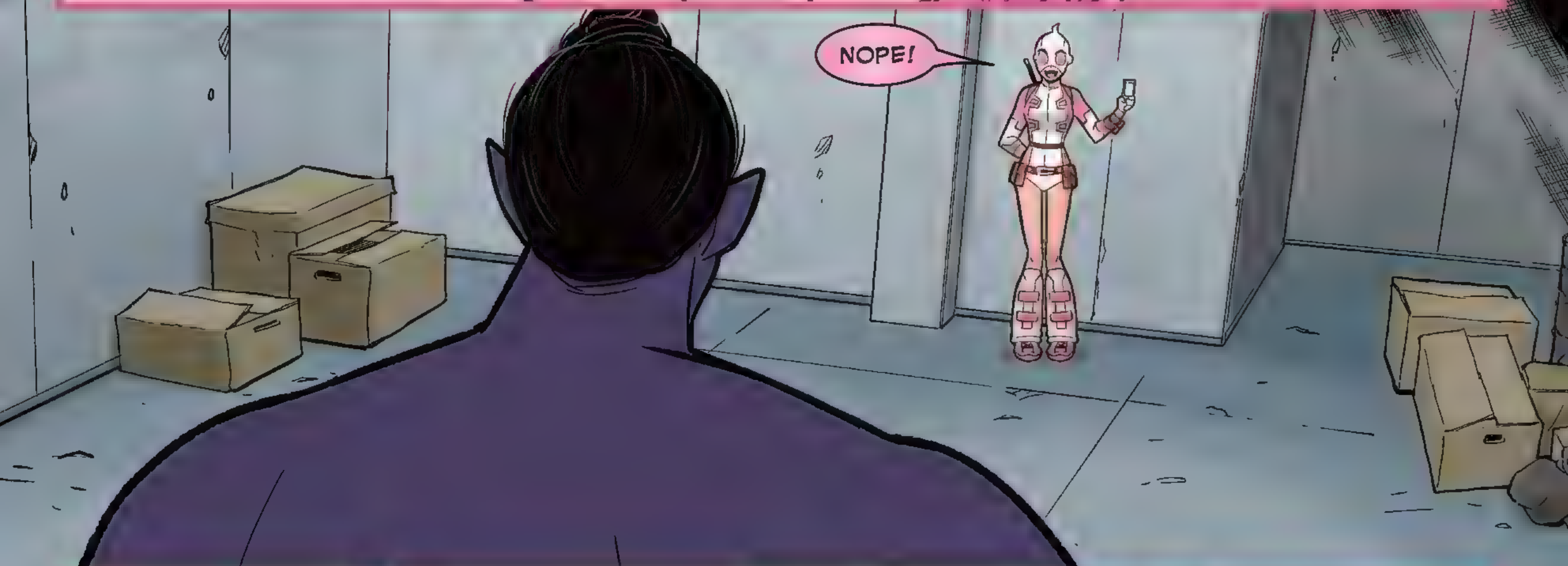
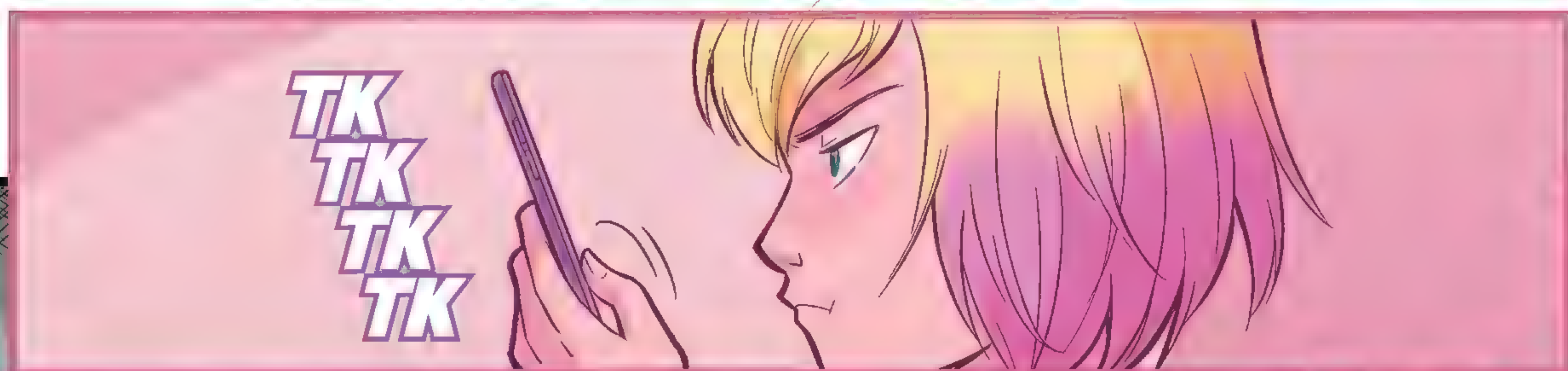
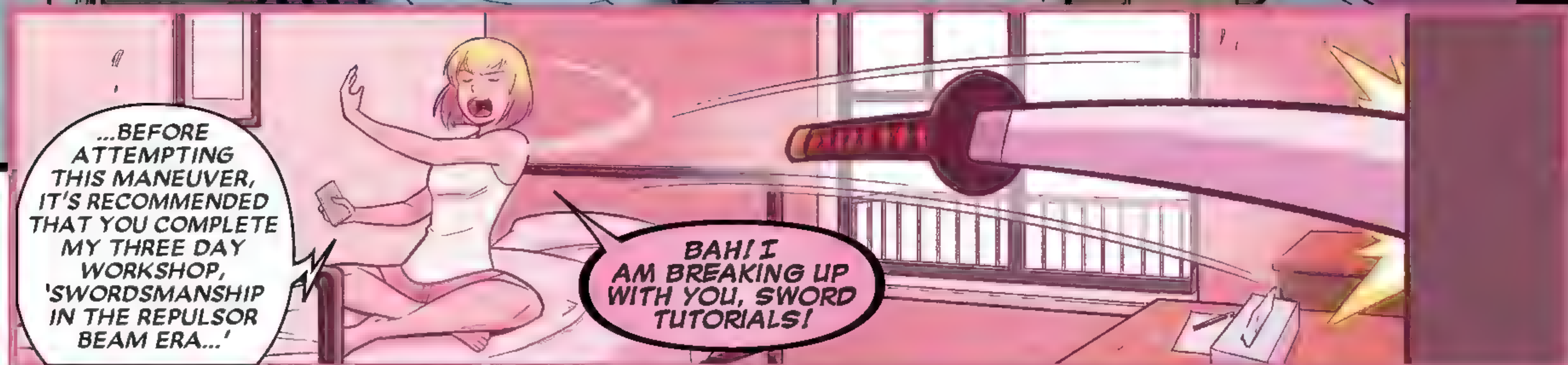
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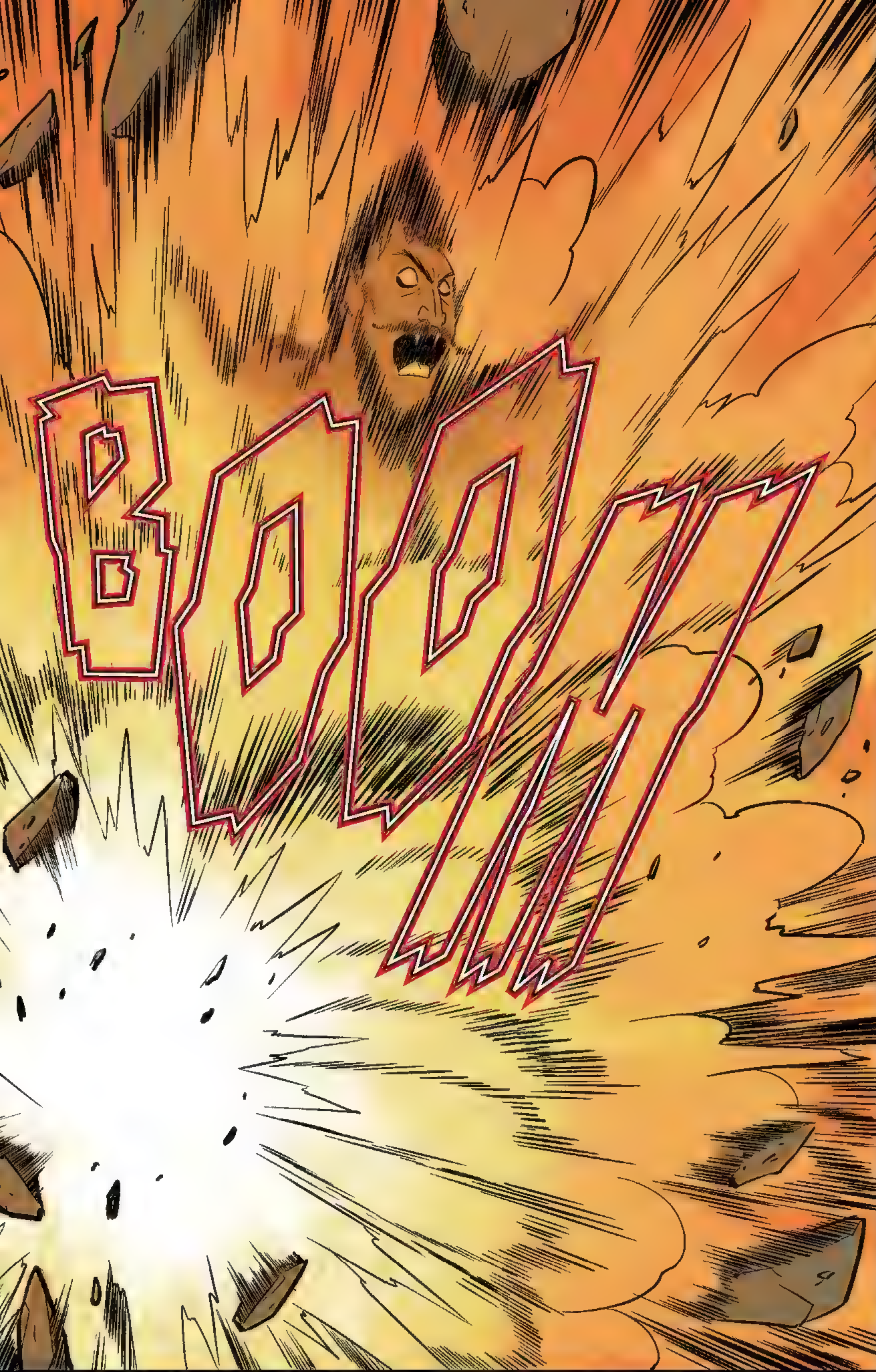


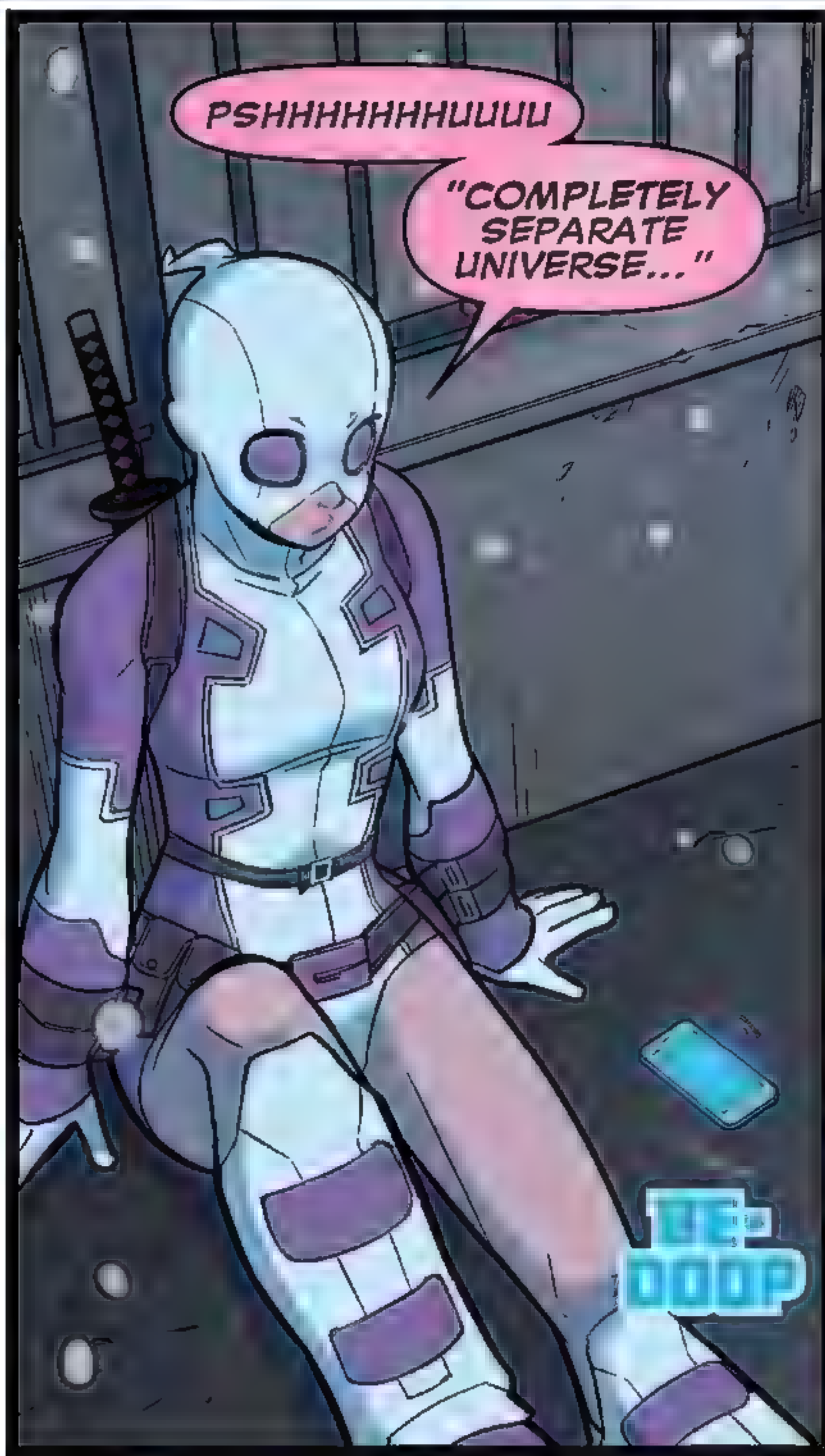
DID I SAY "ORTO?" I MEANT I WAS LOOKING FOR, UH...

...ANYONE ELSE.











AND THEN I BLEW UP THE SNAKE MAN! AND I GOT SO MUCH MONEY FOR IT!



I DON'T THINK THAT'S... COOL?

WELL, YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF THIS GUY, RIGHT? HE WAS PROBABLY MADE UP SPECIFICALLY FOR ME TO KILL!

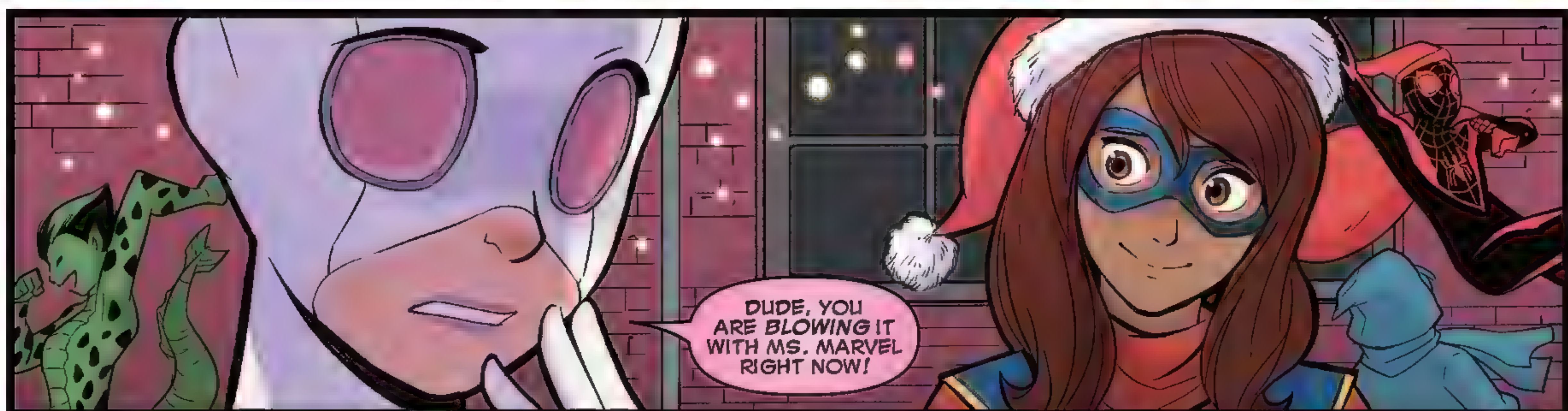
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



I MEAN, HE WAS A REAL BAD DUDE AND I STOPPED HIM.

VERY HEROICALLY.

IT WAS HARD, BUT IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO...



DUDE, YOU ARE BLOWING IT WITH MS. MARVEL RIGHT NOW!



EH...IT'S OKAY.

WANNA CHECK OUT THE KARAOKE MACHINE?

UH, YES I DO!

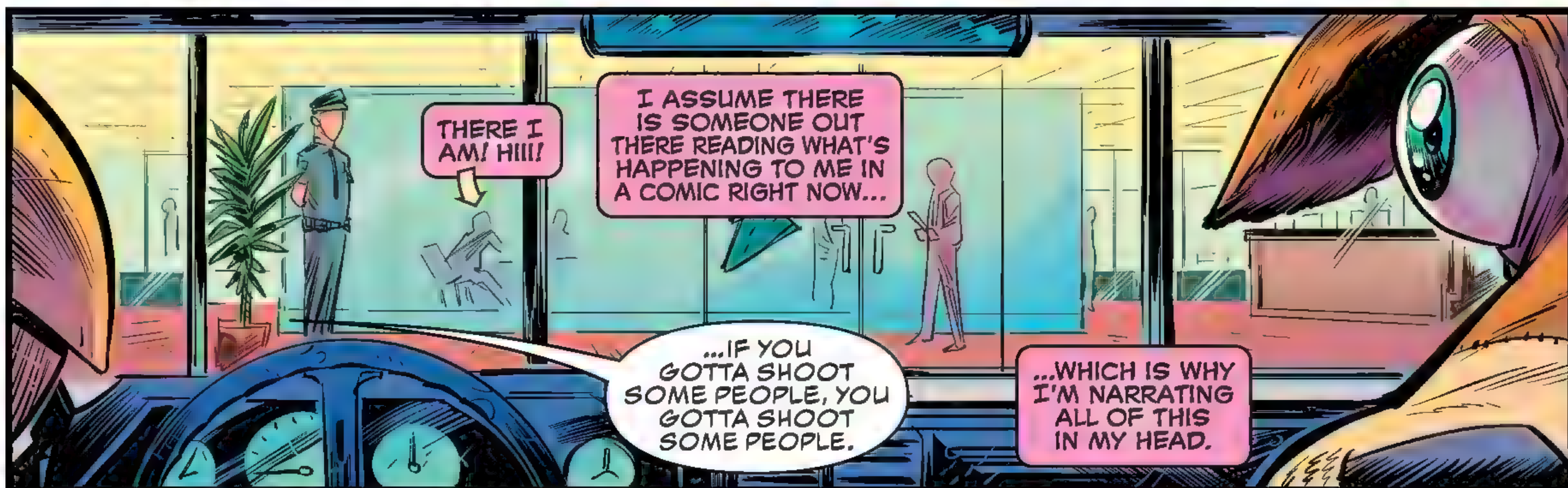
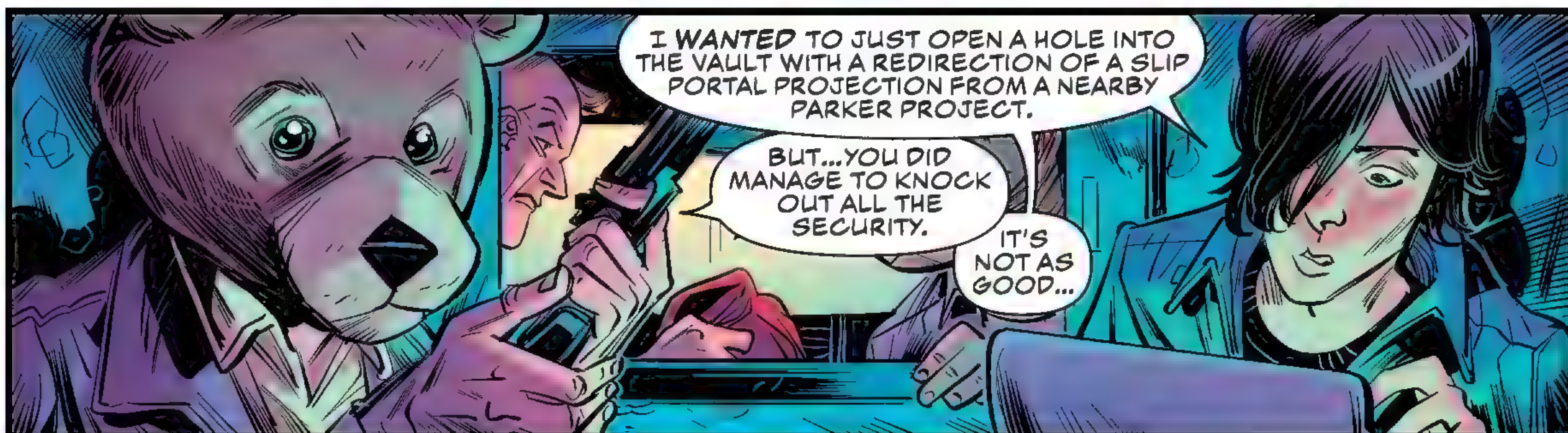
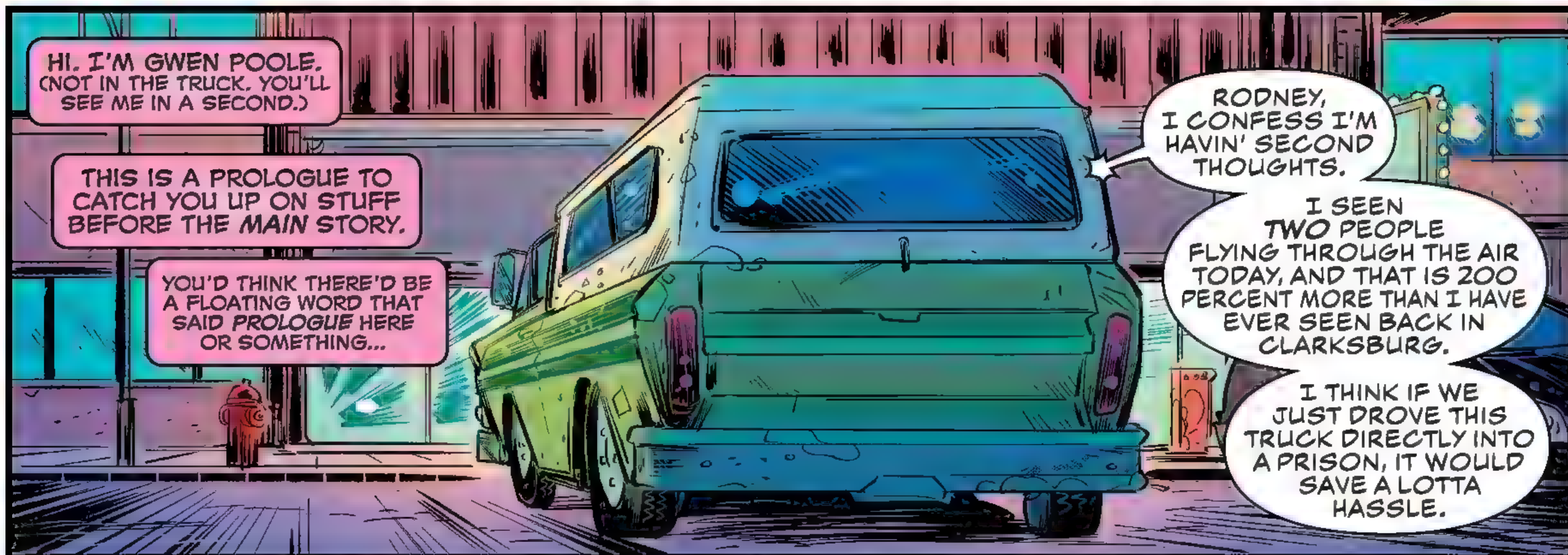


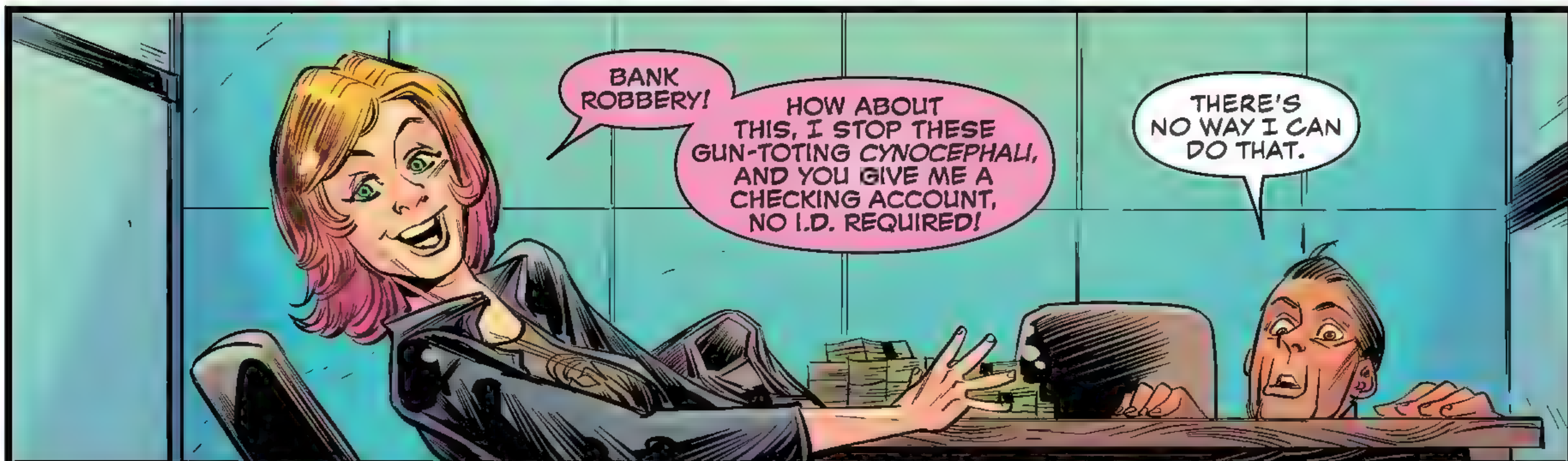
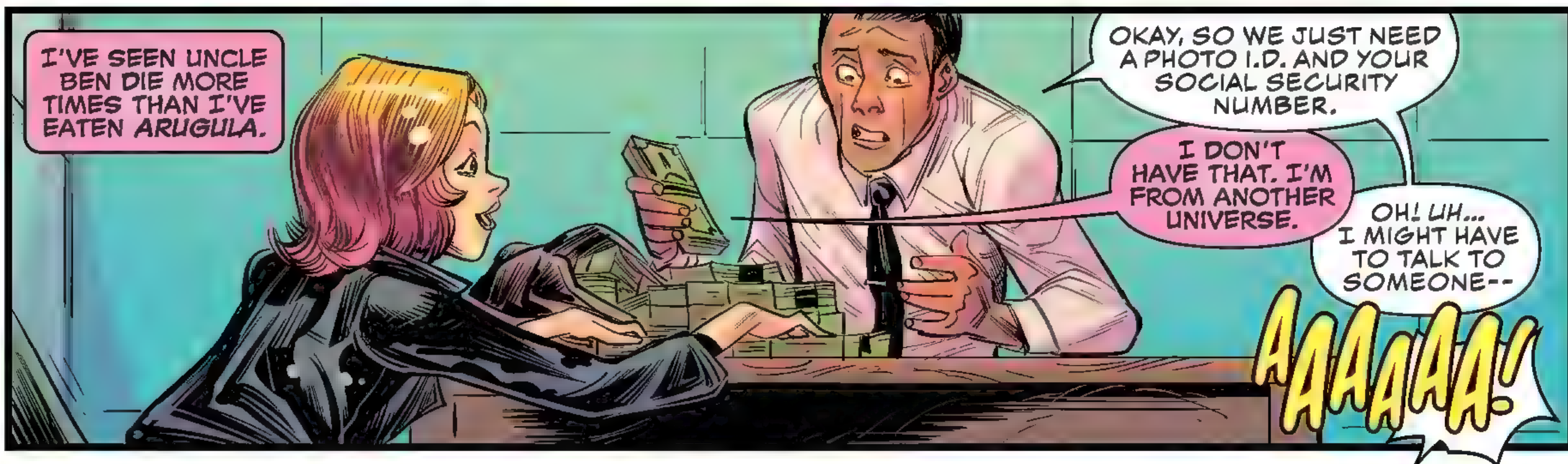
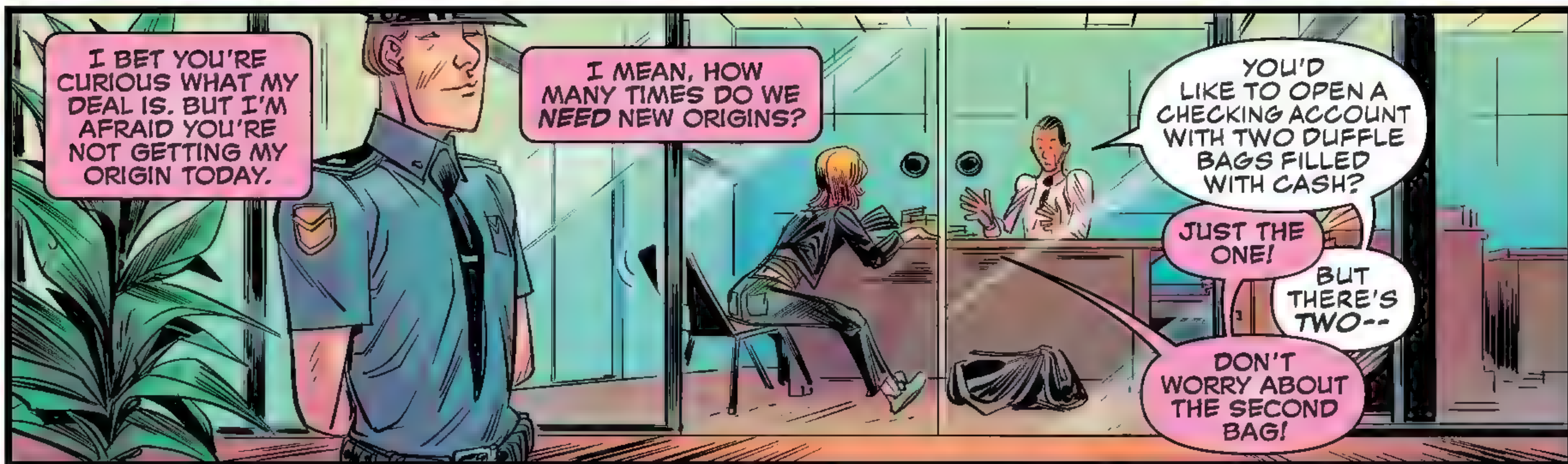
I NEVER GET TO STAY OUT THIS LATE IN NEW YORK!

I KNOW! I'VE READ ALL YOUR BOOKS!

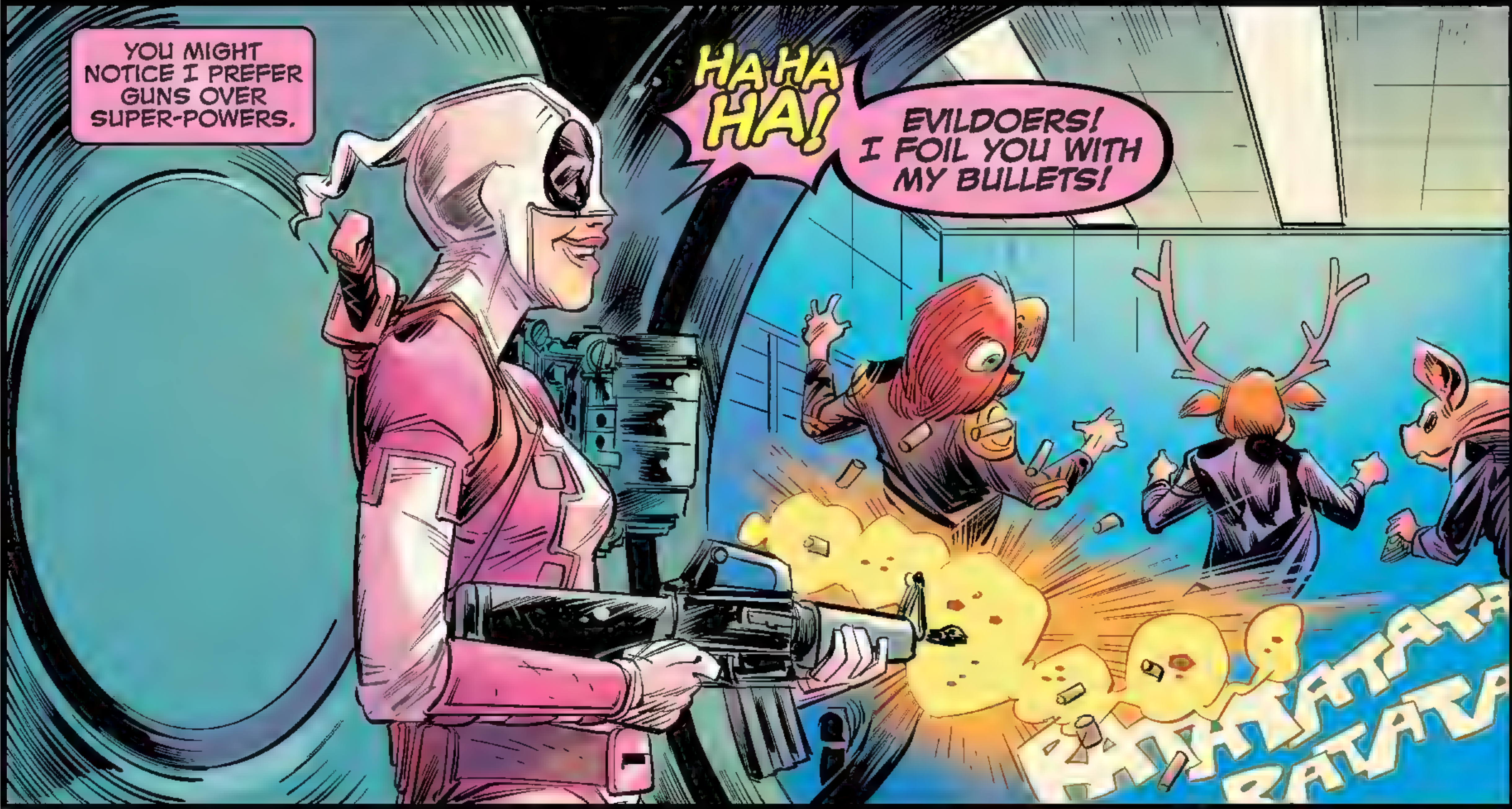
YEAH, LET'S GET YOU OFF CRAZY TALK AND ONTO SOME PRE-WITTEN LYRICS NOW.

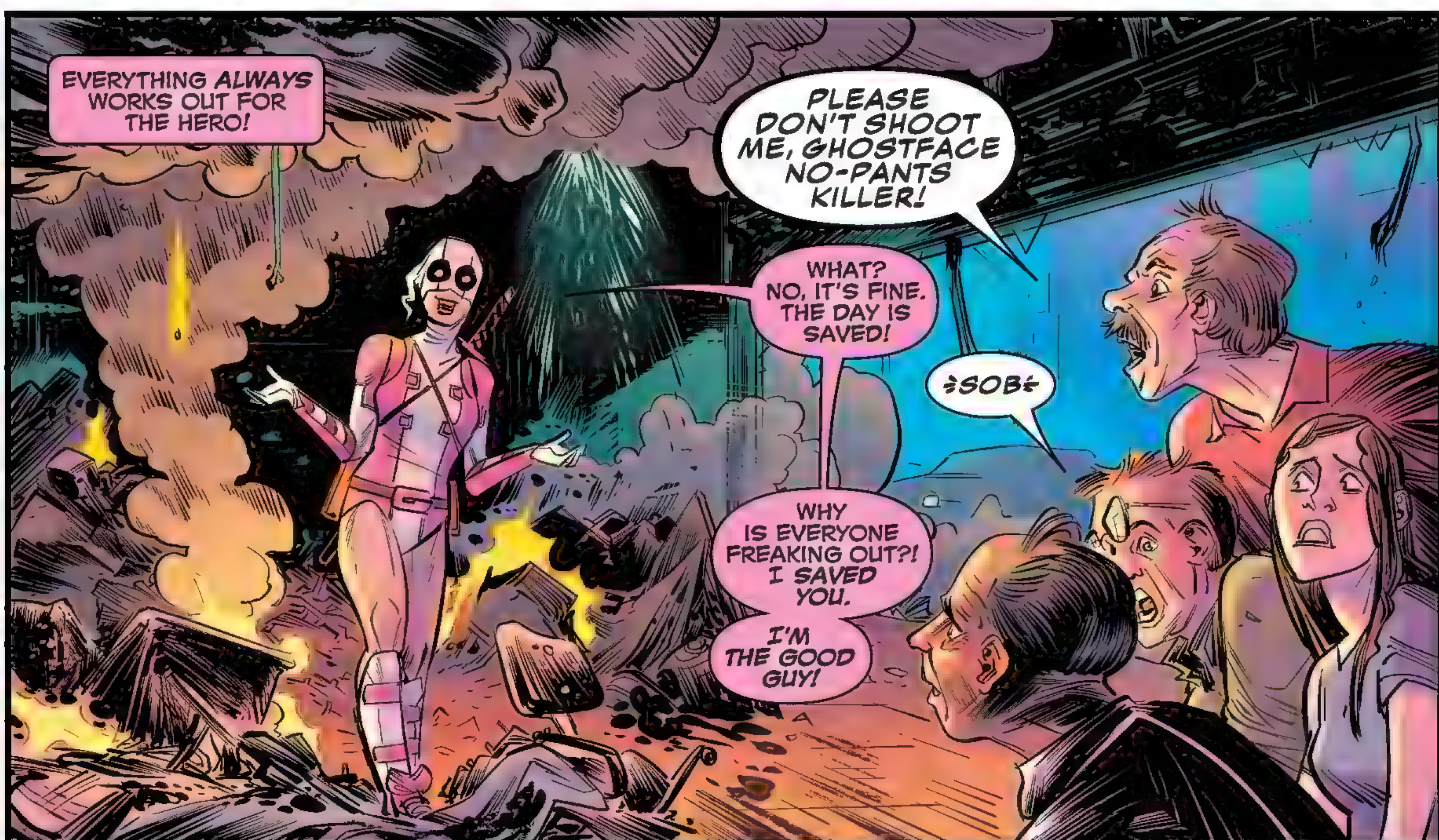
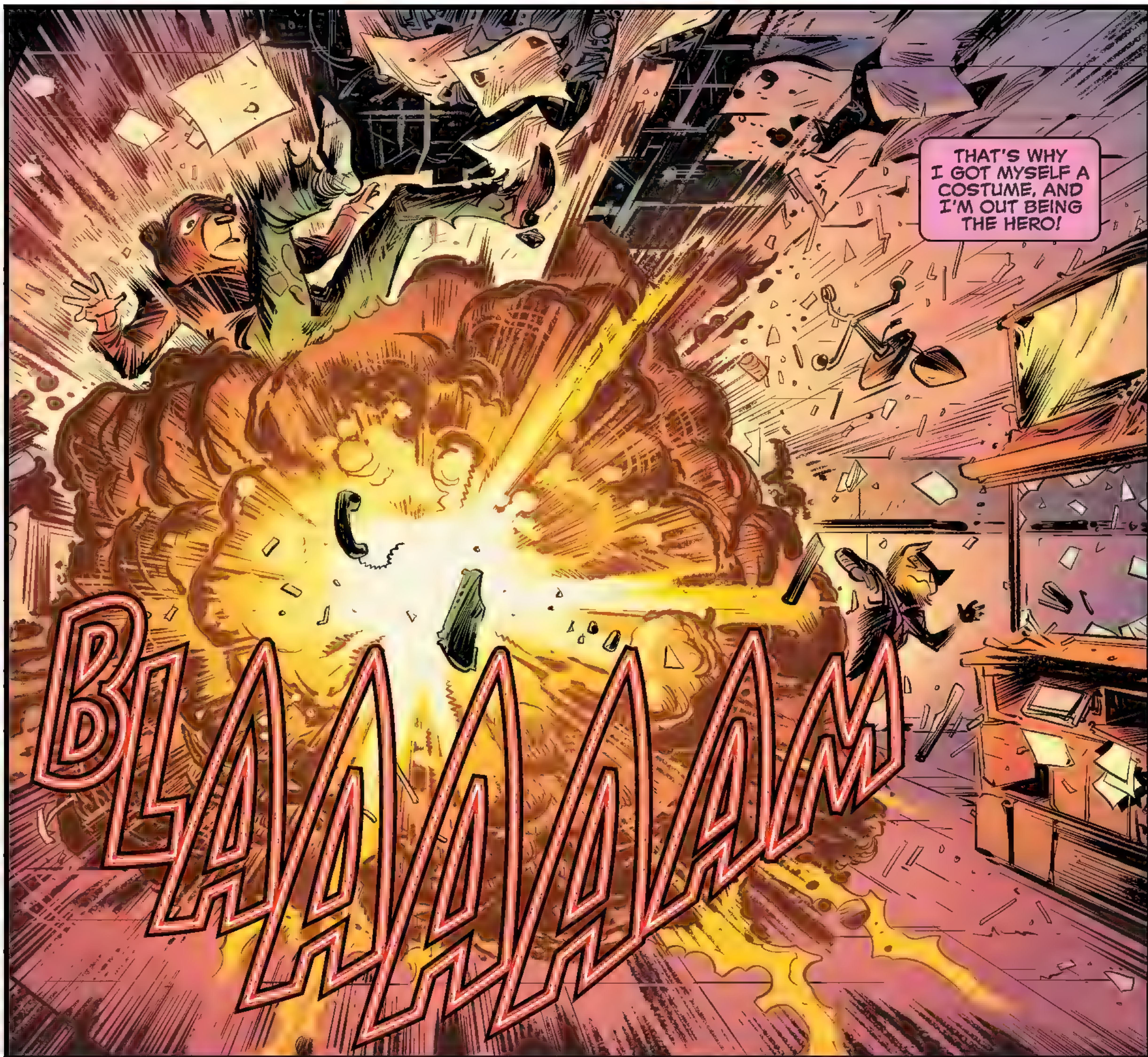


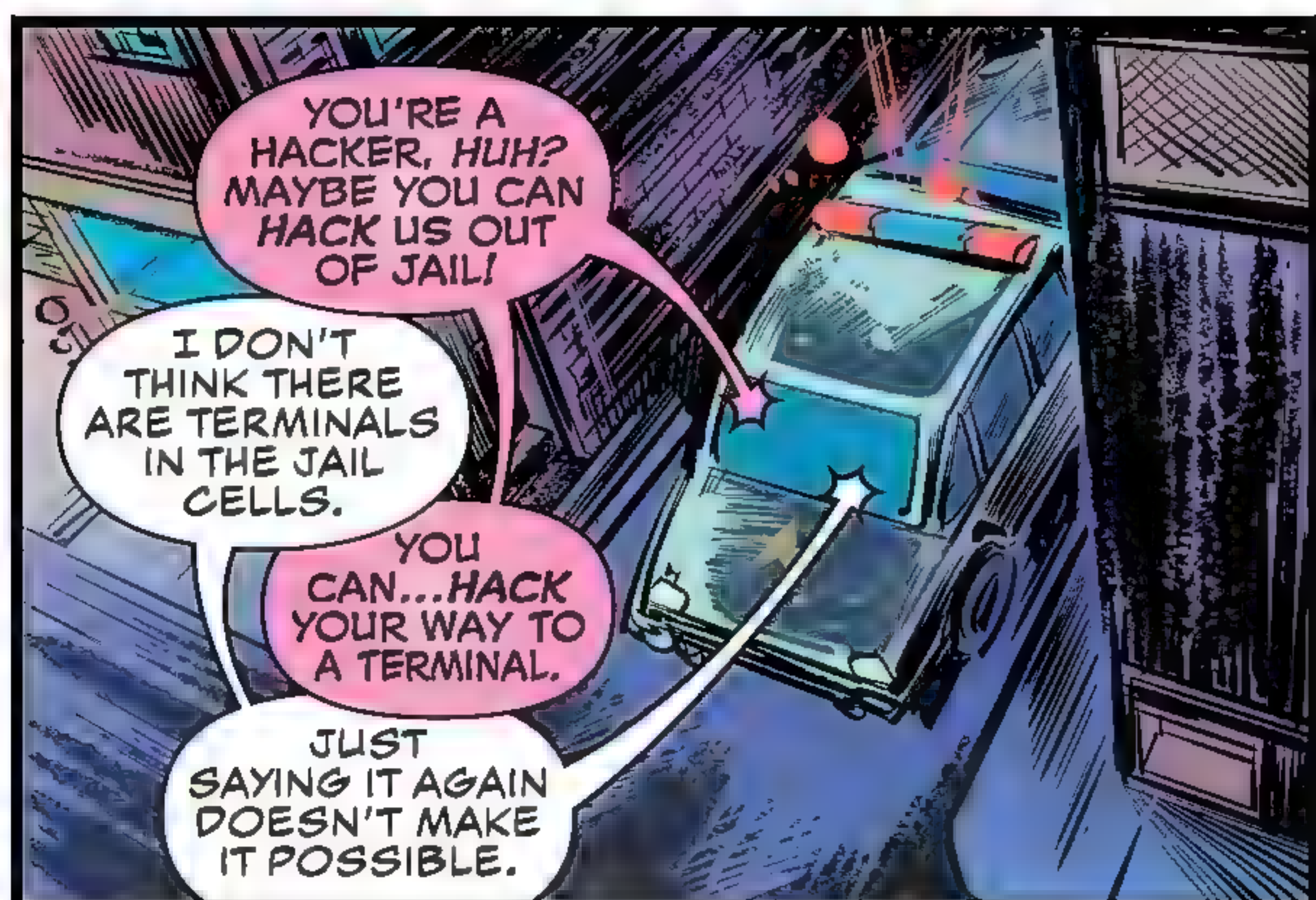
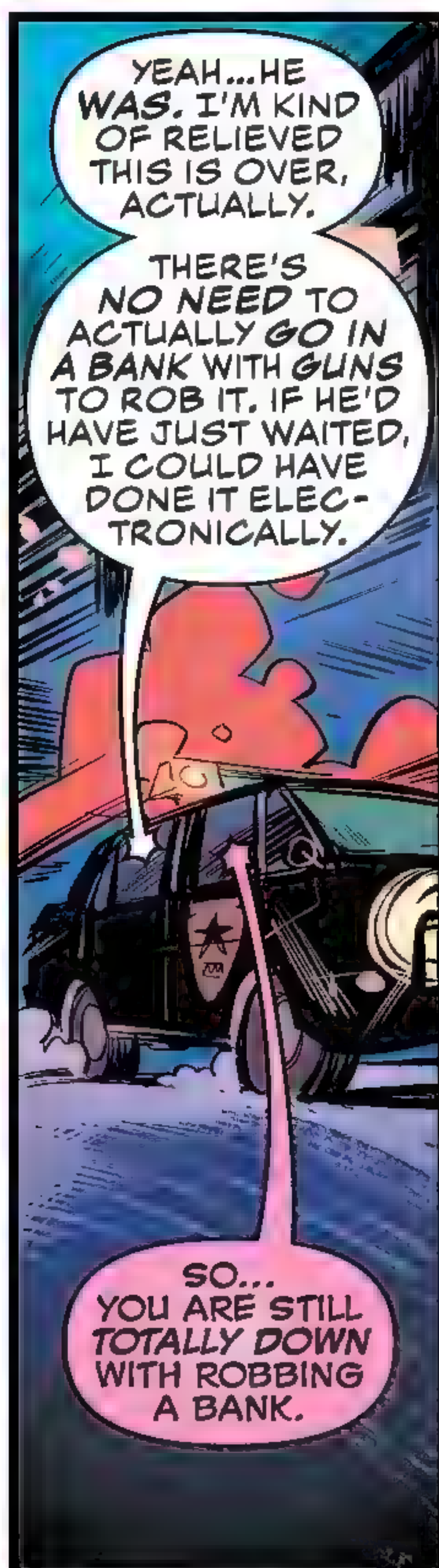


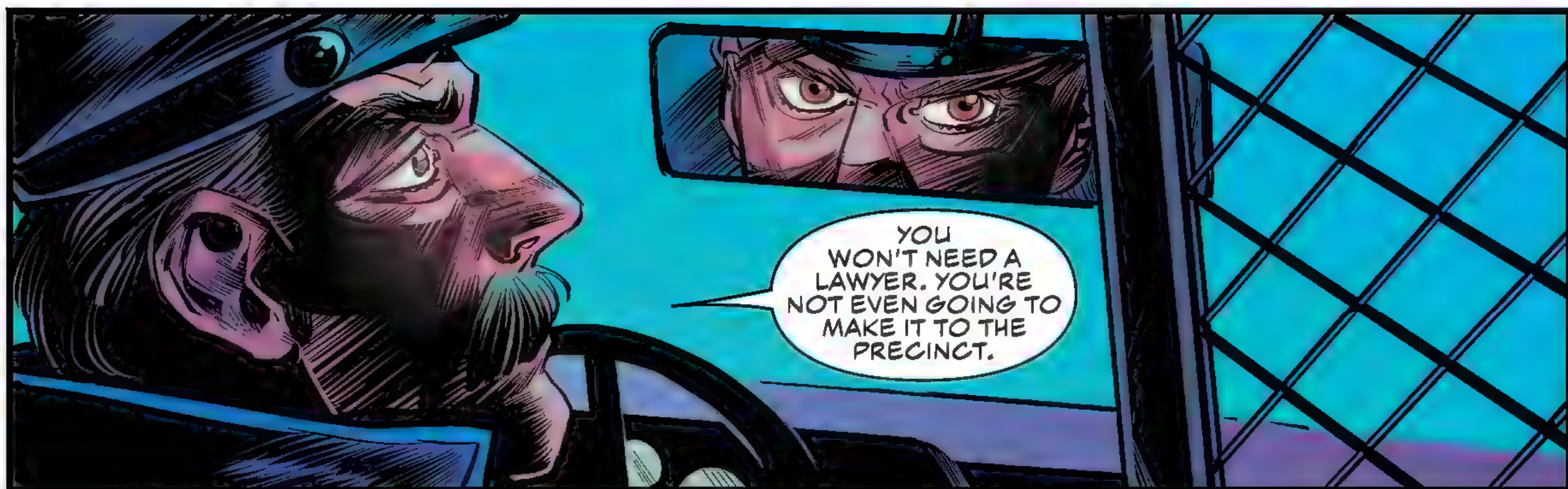
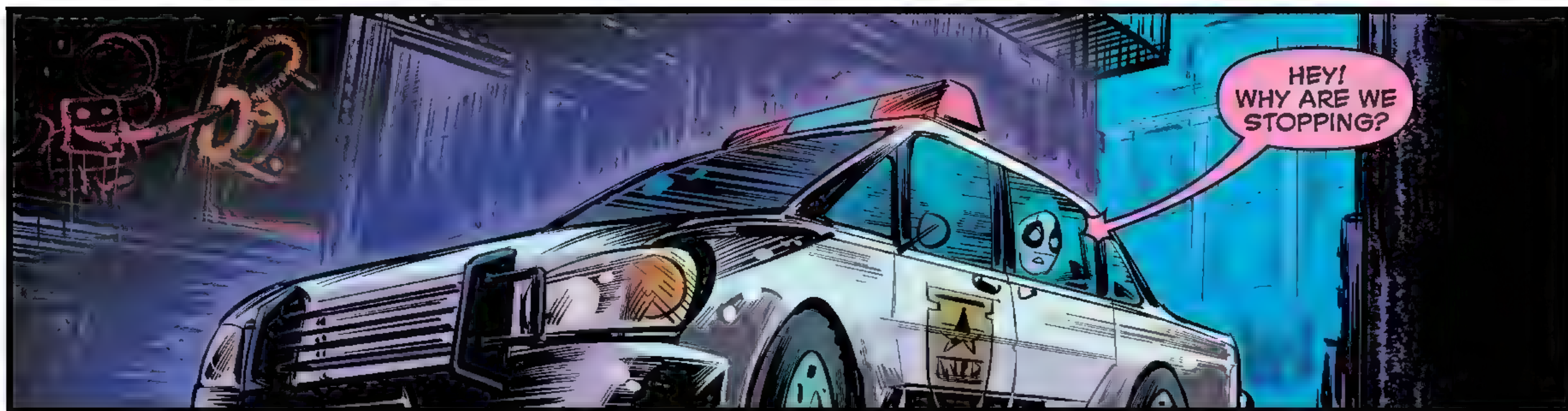






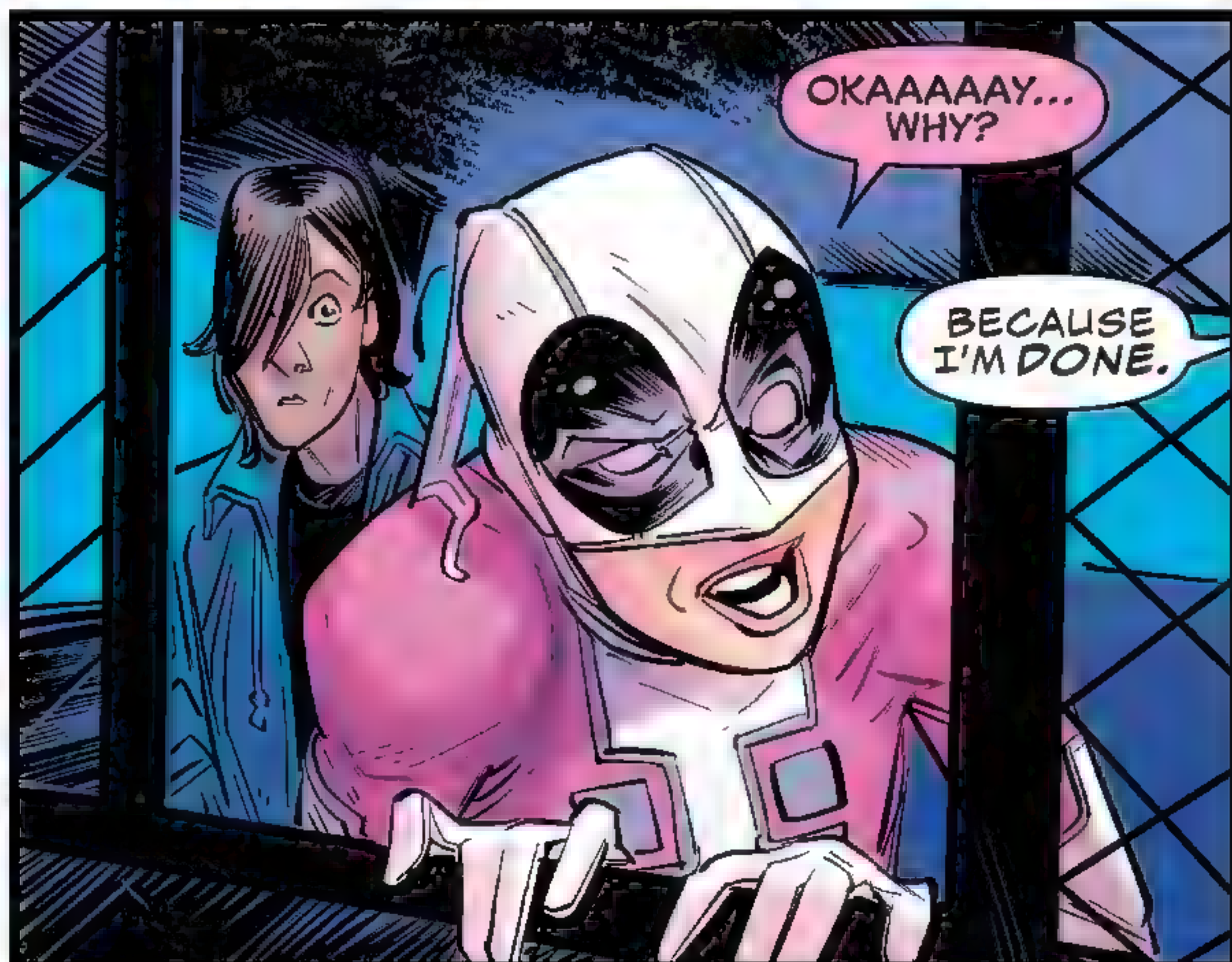






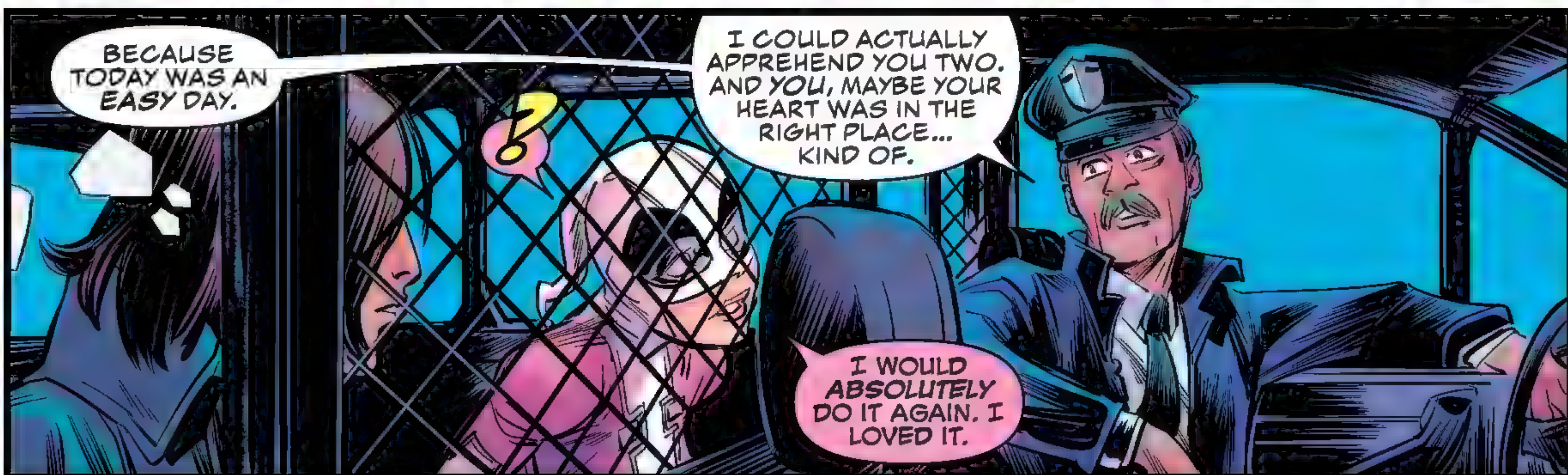


YOU
THINK--NO!
I'M NOT GOING
TO KILL YOU!
I'M LETTING
YOU GO.



OKAAAAAY...
WHY?

BECAUSE
I'M DONE.



BECAUSE
TODAY WAS AN
EASY DAY.

I COULD ACTUALLY
APPREHEND YOU TWO.
AND YOU, MAYBE YOUR
HEART WAS IN THE
RIGHT PLACE...
KIND OF.

I WOULD
ABSOLUTELY
DO IT AGAIN. I
LOVED IT.



SHUSH. JUST LISTEN. WHEN SOMEONE
LIKE THE **ABSORBING MAN** ROBS A BANK,
HE HURTS PEOPLE, AND HE MEANS TO HURT
PEOPLE. AND I GOTTA BE THERE, AND I
CAN'T JUST WAIT FOR SPIDER-MAN
TO SHOW UP.

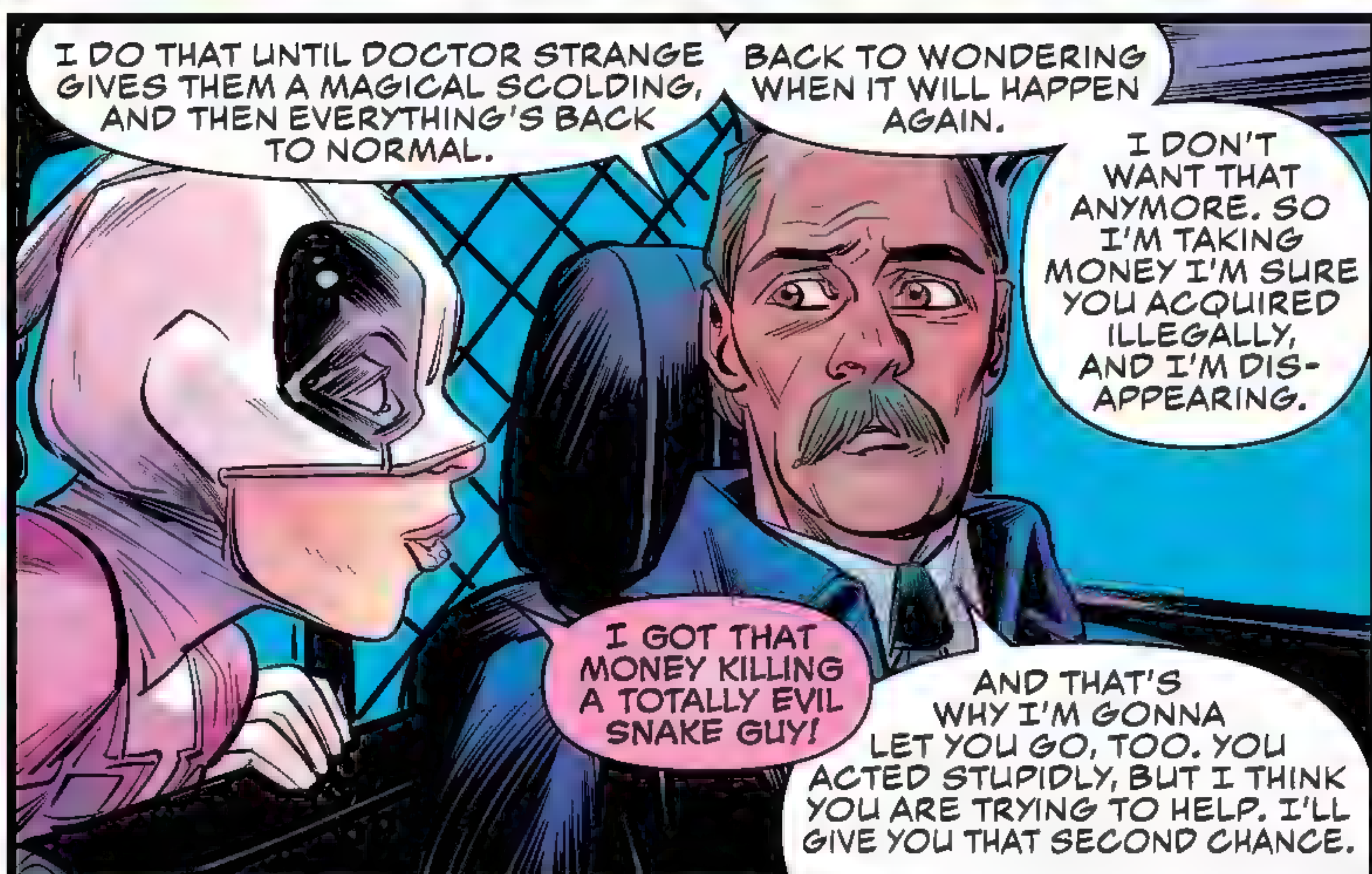
ONE TIME,
I BELIEVE A PORTAL
TO THE ACTUAL-FOR-
REAL HELL OPENED UP IN UNION
SQUARE. OR IT MIGHT NOT HAVE
BEEN--THE OFFICIAL WORD
NEVER MAKES IT DOWN TO
PEOPLE LIKE ME.

BUT I
STILL HAD TO
GO AND SHOOT AT
STRANGE APPARITIONS
WHOSE FACES WOULD
CHANGE INTO MY
MOTHER'S.



THAT SOUNDS
AWESOME.

IT'S
NOT.



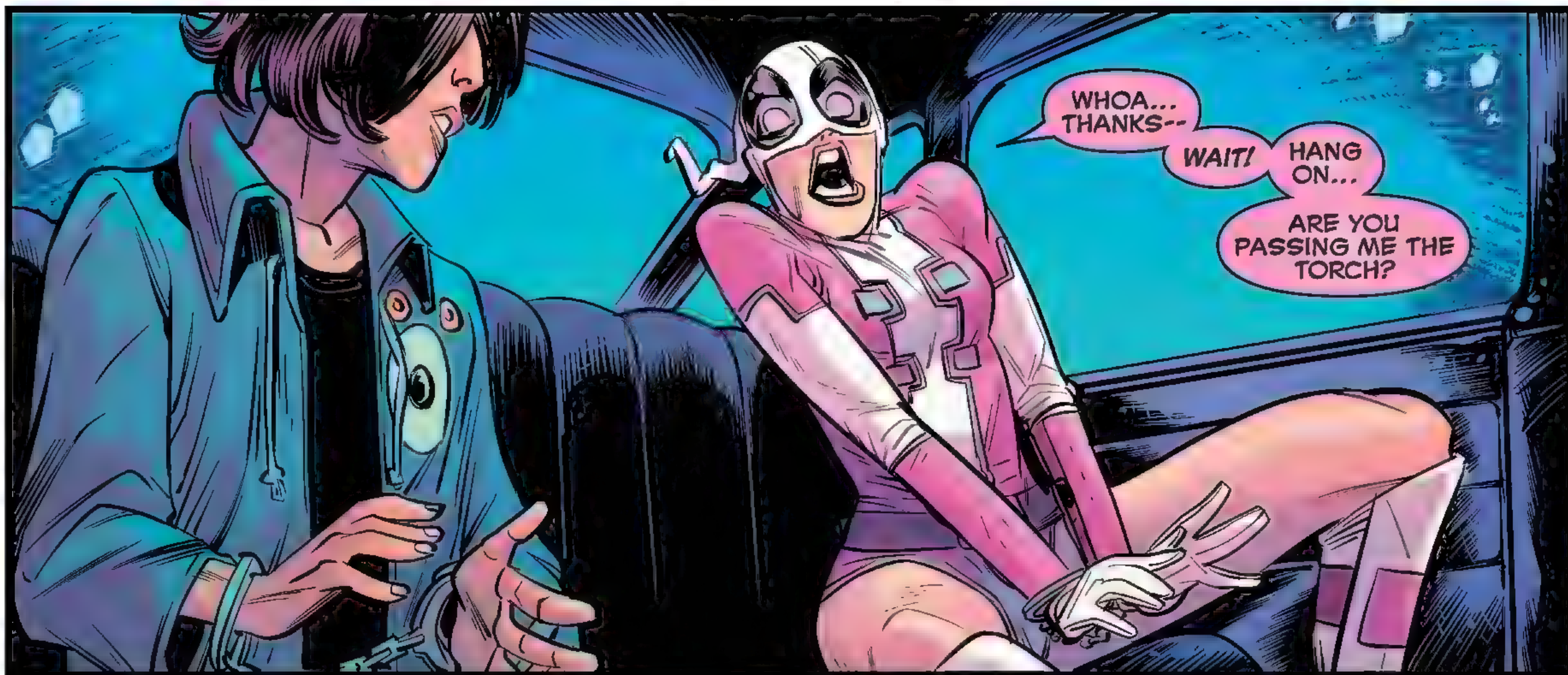
I DO THAT UNTIL DOCTOR STRANGE
GIVES THEM A MAGICAL SCOLDING,
AND THEN EVERYTHING'S BACK
TO NORMAL.

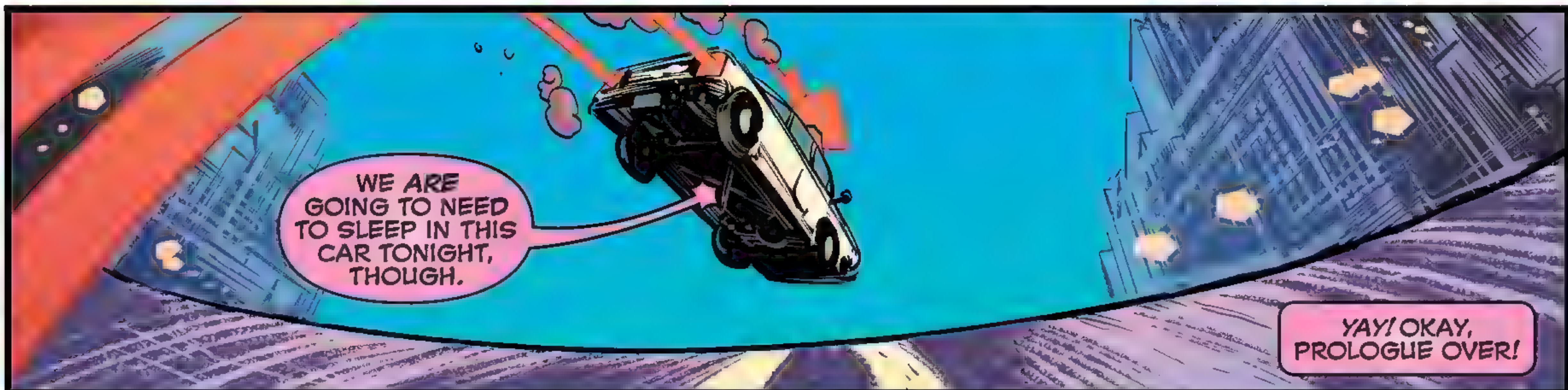
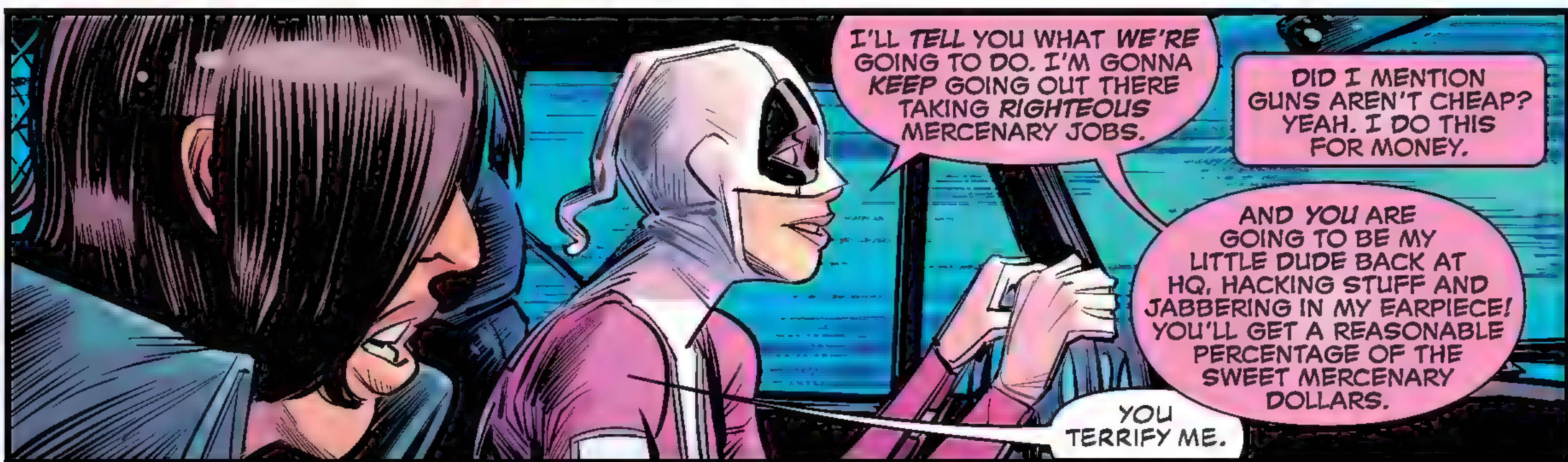
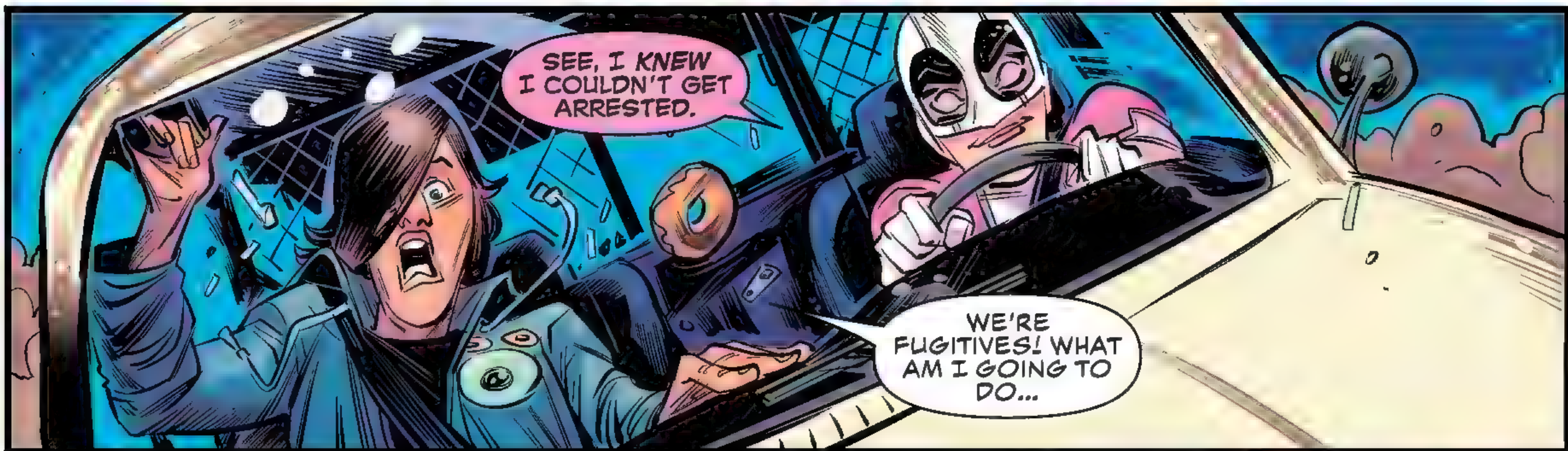
BACK TO WONDERING
WHEN IT WILL HAPPEN
AGAIN.

I DON'T
WANT THAT
ANYMORE. SO
I'M TAKING
MONEY I'M SURE
YOU ACQUIRED
ILLEGALLY,
AND I'M DIS-
APPEARING.

I GOT THAT
MONEY KILLING
A TOTALLY EVIL
SNAKE GUY!

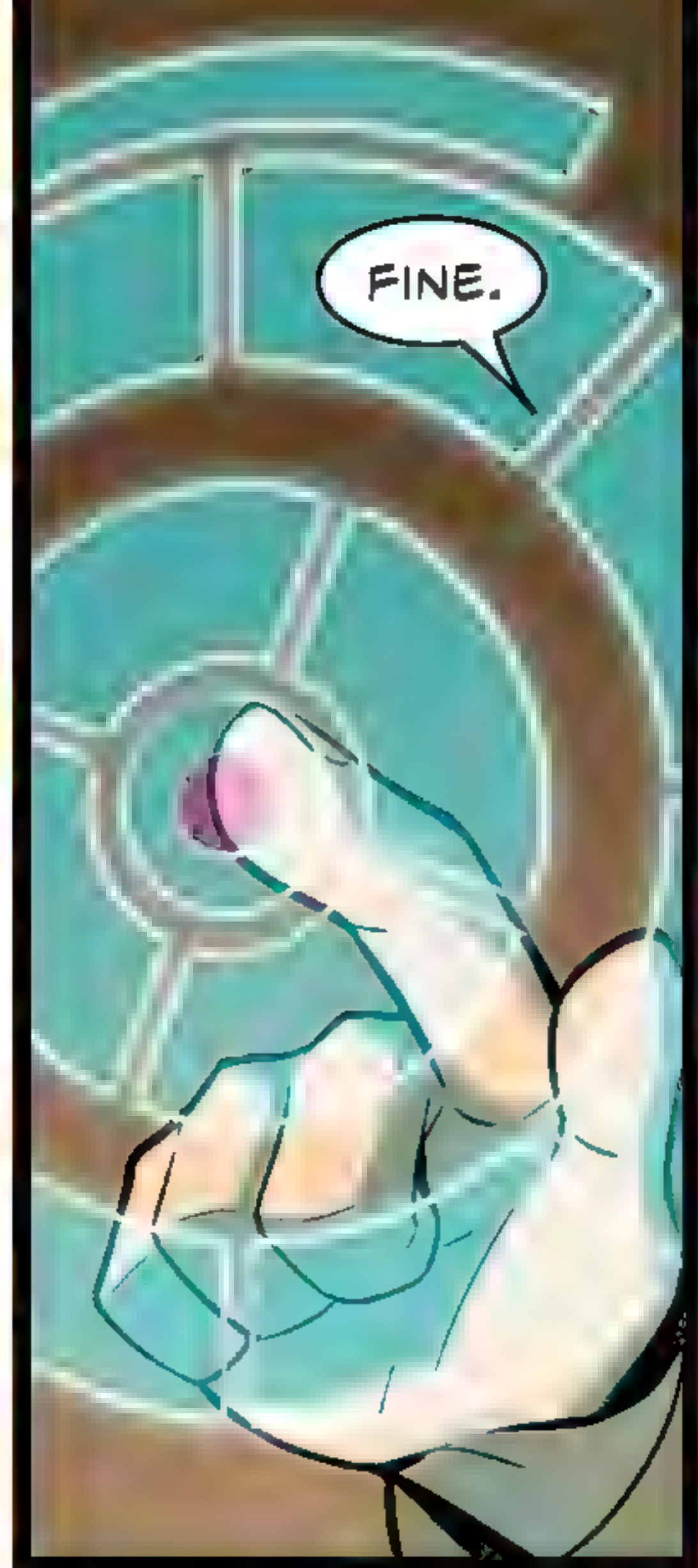
AND THAT'S
WHY I'M GONNA
LET YOU GO, TOO. YOU
ACTED STUPIDLY, BUT I THINK
YOU ARE TRYING TO HELP. I'LL
GIVE YOU THAT SECOND CHANCE.













GWENPOOL. FREAK CLIENTS CALL. THEY WON'T PAY. WHAT DID YOU DO?



NEVERMIND THAT. WHAT CAN I GET FOR THIS?

THUNK



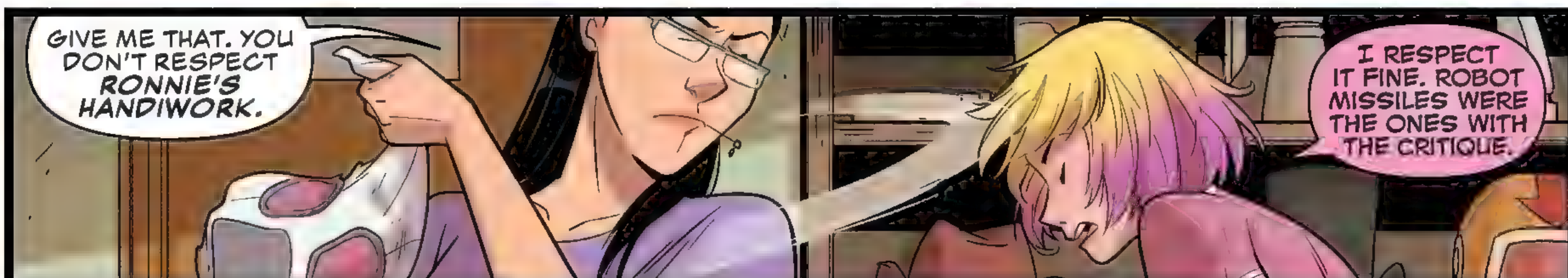
I DON'T WANT THIS.

NO, COME ON, THIS IS HOW IT WORKS. BUY, SELL, GOSSIP OPTIONS...PLEASE, SHOPKEEP.

THIS ISN'T PAWN SHOP. IT IS RESPECTABLE CUSTOM ACTION-WEAR STORE...

...AND BROKERAGE FOR FREELANCE VIOLENCE JOBS...

...THAT BIG RONNIE GETS A CUT FROM. YOU BLEW IT, WASTED RONNIE'S TIME.



GIVE ME THAT. YOU DON'T RESPECT RONNIE'S HANDIWORK.

I RESPECT IT FINE. ROBOT MISSILES WERE THE ONES WITH THE CRITIQUE.

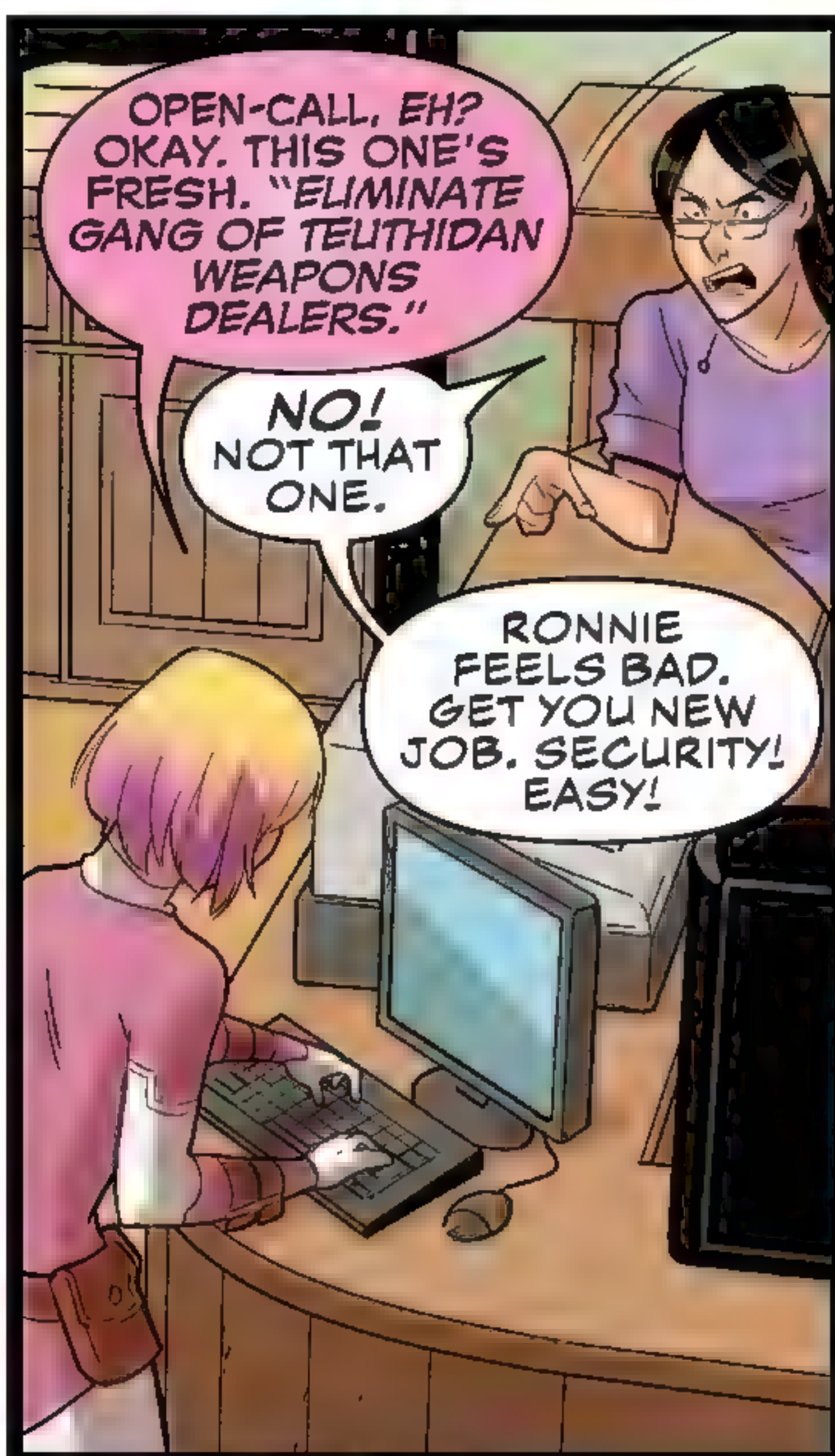


MAYBE WORK SOME ARMOR INTO THIS OUTFIT AND IT WON'T BE AN ISSUE?

HA! FINISH A JOB, GET PAID, THEN MAYBE YOU CAN AFFORD ARMOR.

OKAY, GREAT. GIVE ME A NEW JOB.

HELL NO. RONNIE'S NOT REPPING YOU AFTER THIS. OPEN-CALL JOBS FOR YOU ONLY.

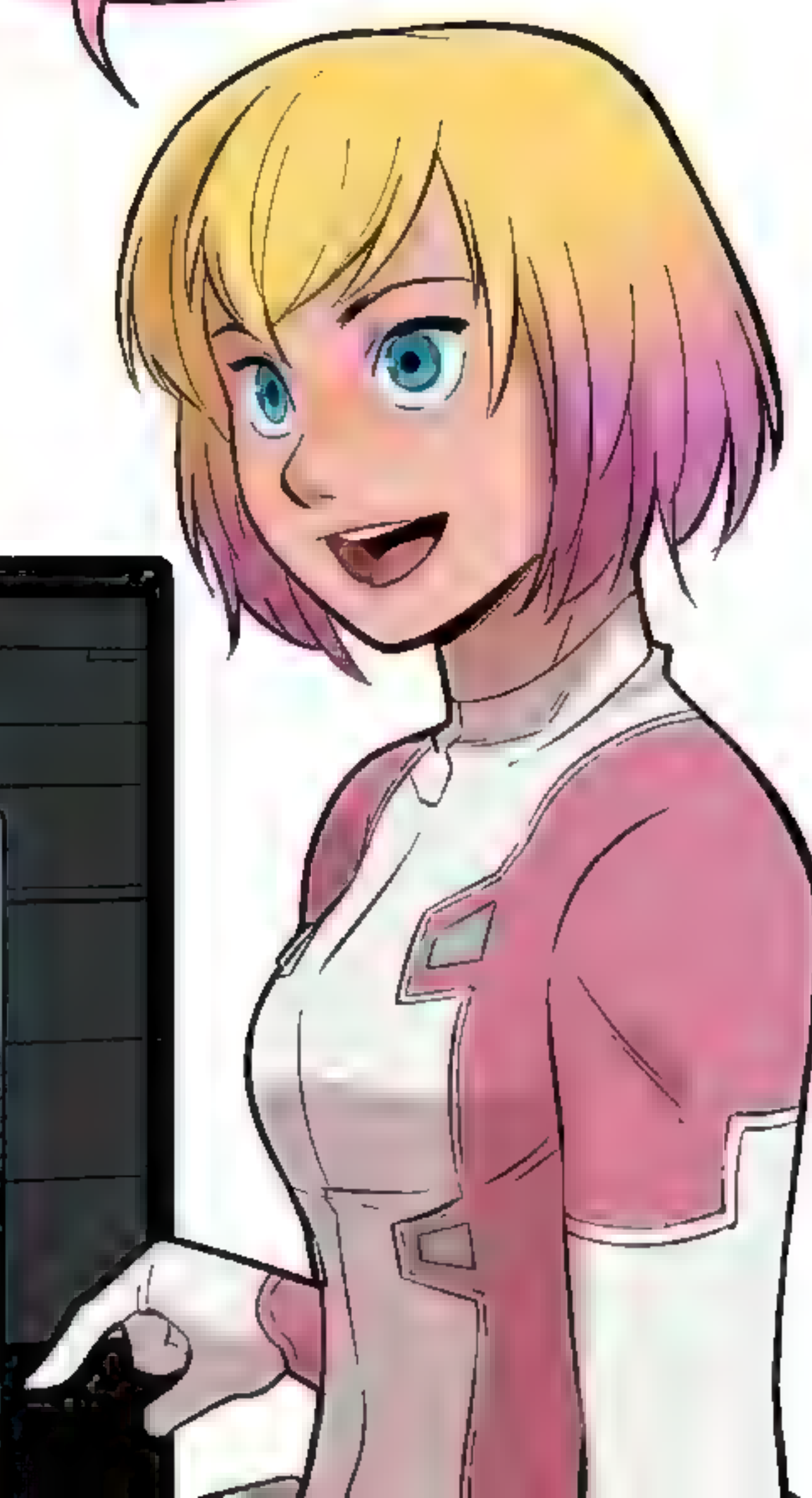


OPEN-CALL, EH? OKAY. THIS ONE'S FRESH. "ELIMINATE GANG OF TEUTHIDAN WEAPONS DEALERS."

NO! NOT THAT ONE.

RONNIE FEELS BAD. GET YOU NEW JOB. SECURITY! EASY!

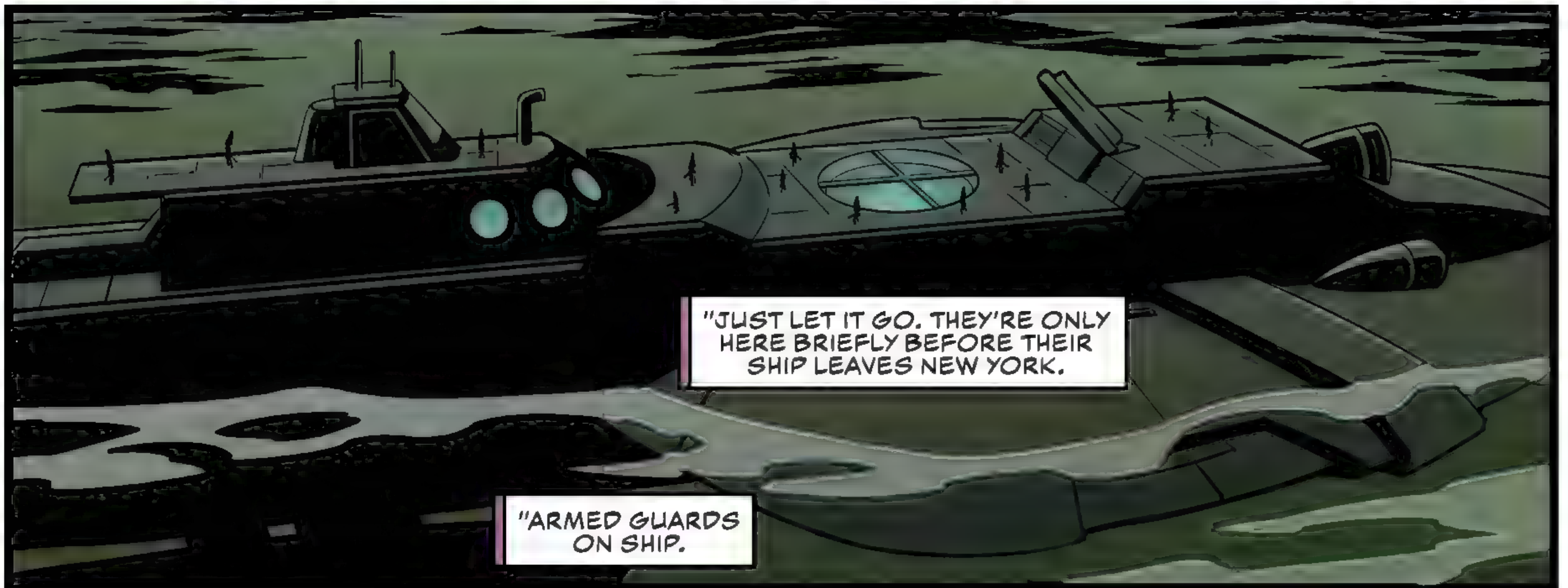
WELL, NOW I HAVE TO DO THIS ONE.





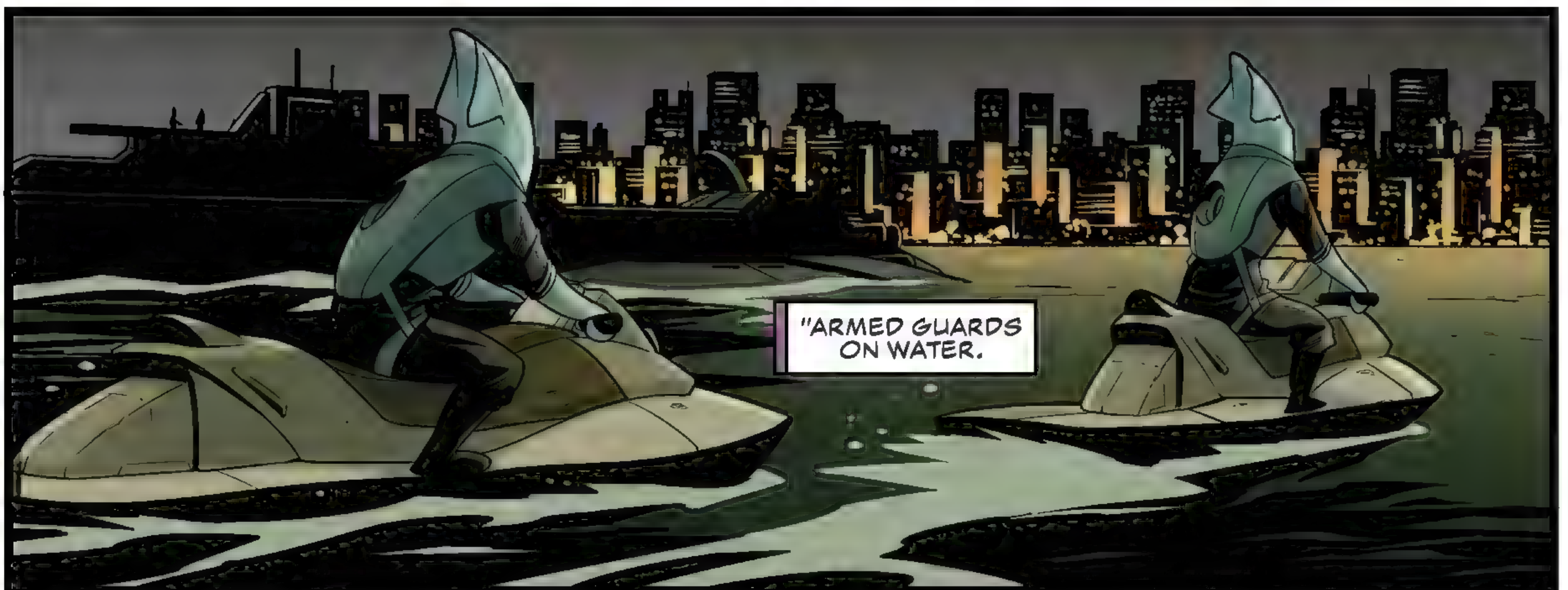
"NO, THEY ARE A BILLION TIMES OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE. ALIEN ARMS DEALERS. GUNS JUST EXPENSIVE ENOUGH TO STAY RARE ENOUGH, MOST DO-GOODERS DON'T NOTICE."

"LOOKS LIKE THEY ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO PAY TO KNOCK THEM OUT, THOUGH."



"JUST LET IT GO. THEY'RE ONLY HERE BRIEFLY BEFORE THEIR SHIP LEAVES NEW YORK."

"ARMED GUARDS ON SHIP."

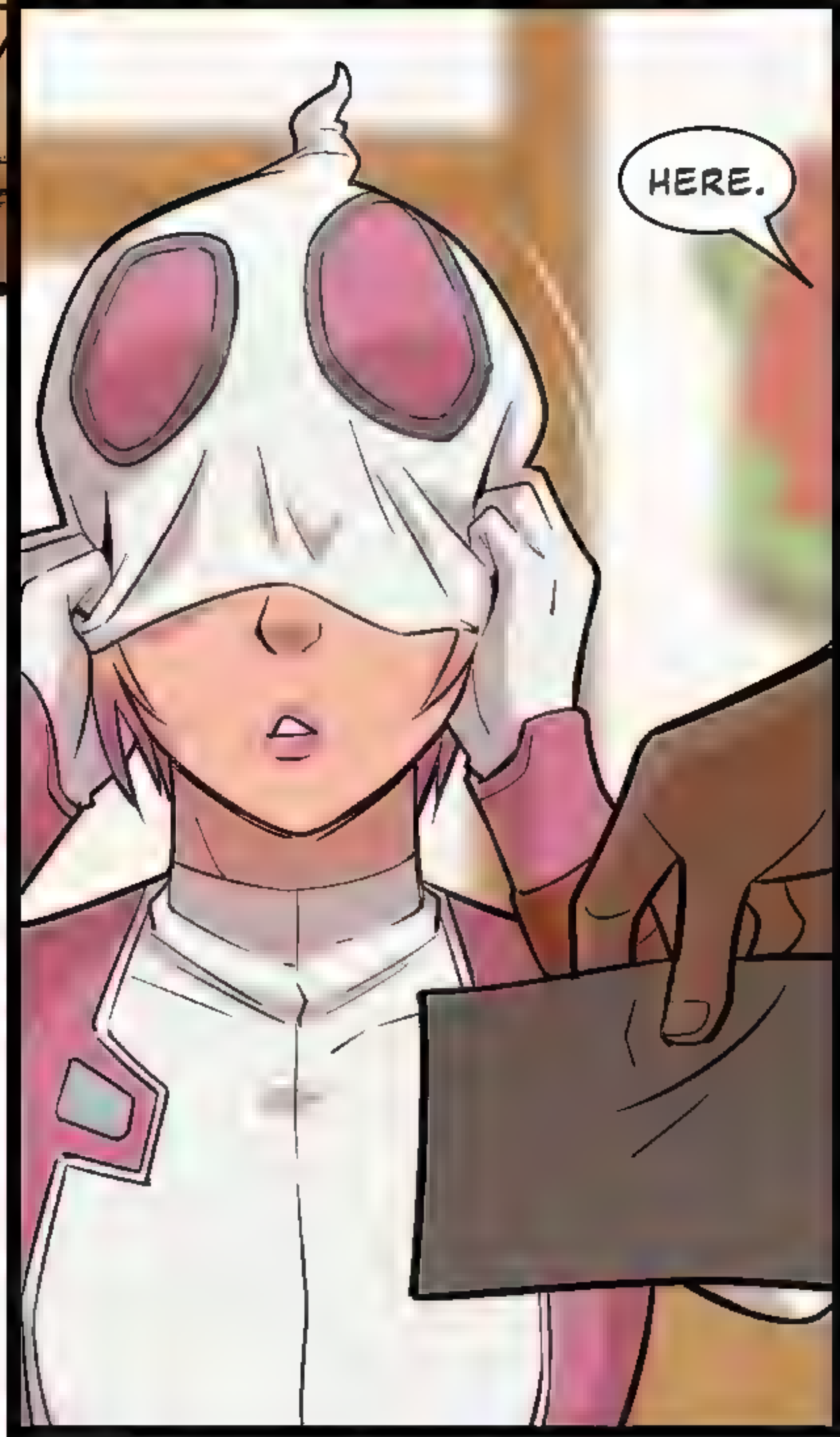


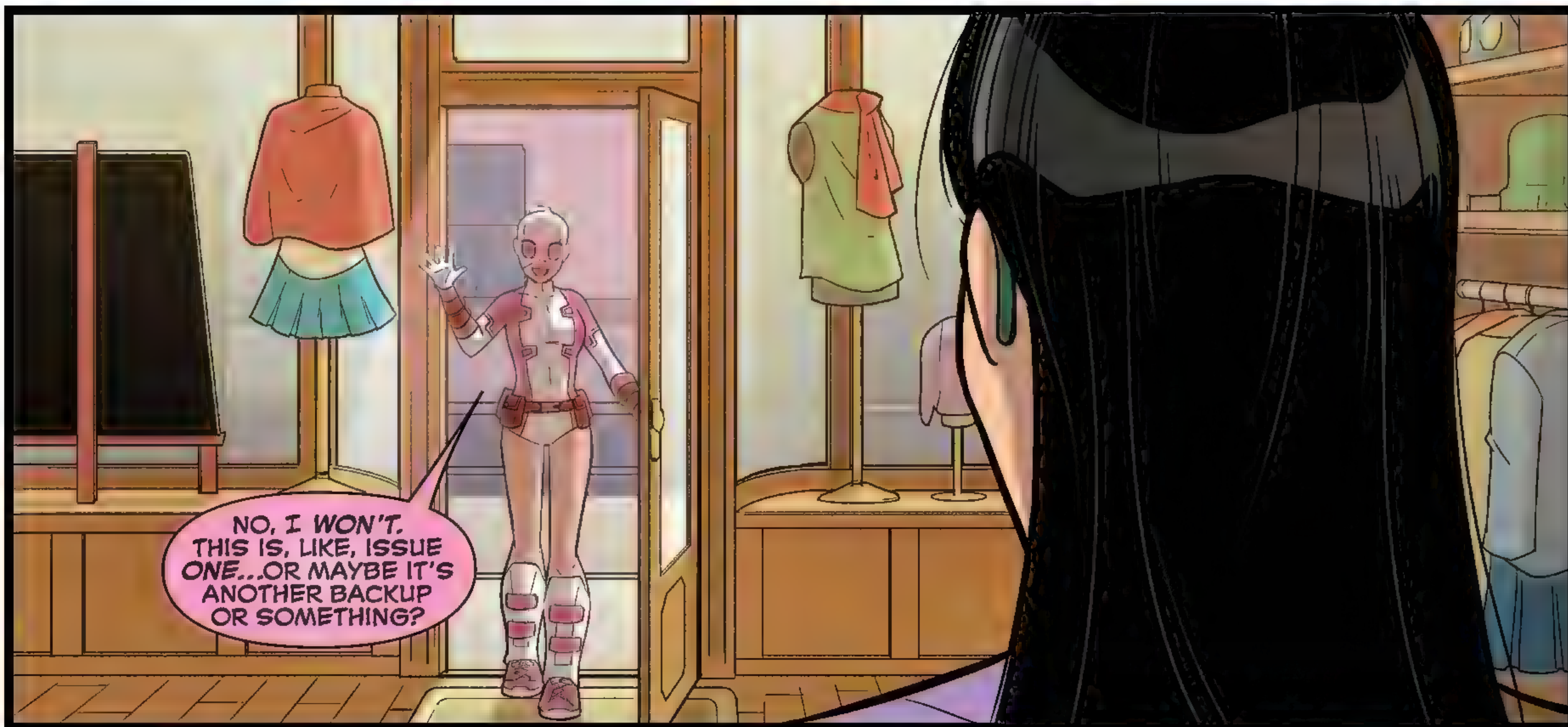
"ARMED GUARDS ON WATER."



"ARMED GUARDS UNDER WATER."

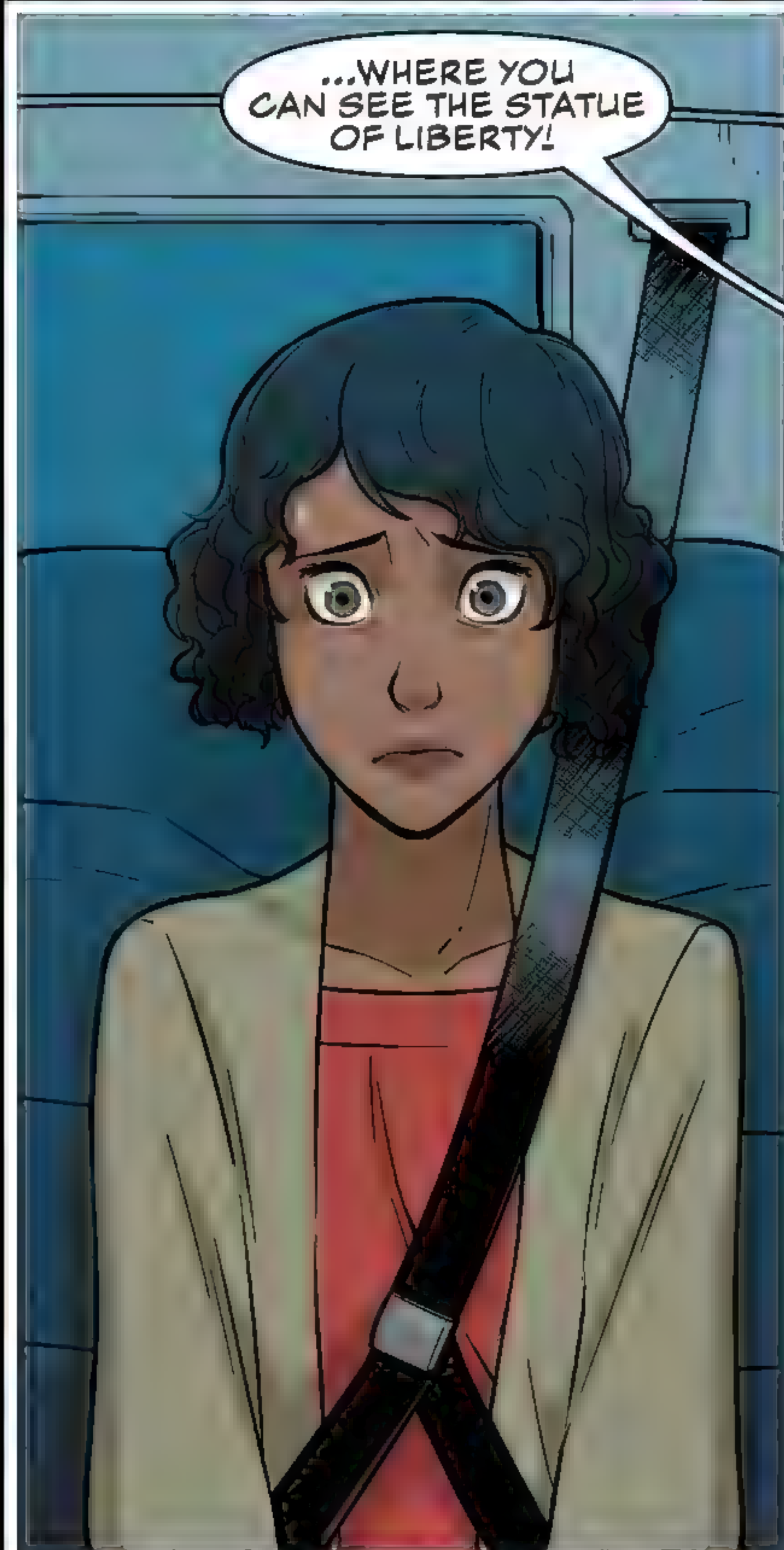
"YOU WON'T GET NEAR THAT BOAT. AND YOU WOULDN'T BE FIRST TO TRY."







...AND WE'RE
JUST STARTING TO
MAKE OUR WAY OVER
THE NEW YORK
HARBOR...



...WHERE YOU
CAN SEE THE STATUE
OF LIBERTY!



I DON'T
KNOW WHY
YOU LOOK SO
NERVOUS.

BECAUSE
YOU TRIED TO BRING
SIX GUNS ON THIS
HELICOPTER.

AND THEY
STILL LET
YOU ON.

YEAH!
I COULD HAVE
REALLY USED THEM!
I SHOULD BE THE
ONE WHO'S
NERVOUS!

NOW I'M
GONNA HAVE TO
USE SICK KARATE TO
DISARM ONE OF THE FIRST
DUDES, AND THEN USE
HIS GUN AGAINST
THE REST OF
THEM.

WELL. BYE.
ENJOY THE REST
OF YOUR TIME IN NEW
YORK! GRIMALDI'S IS
OVERRATED! LUIGI'S
ON 5TH IS
BETTER.

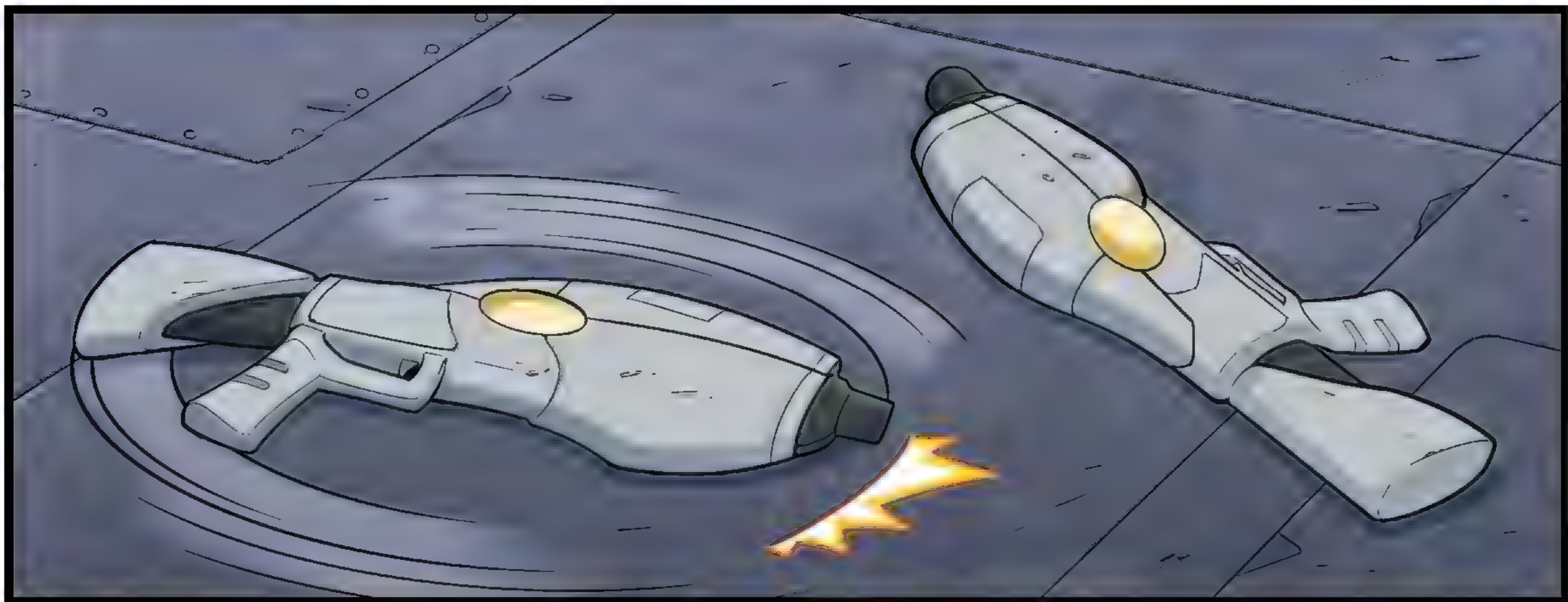
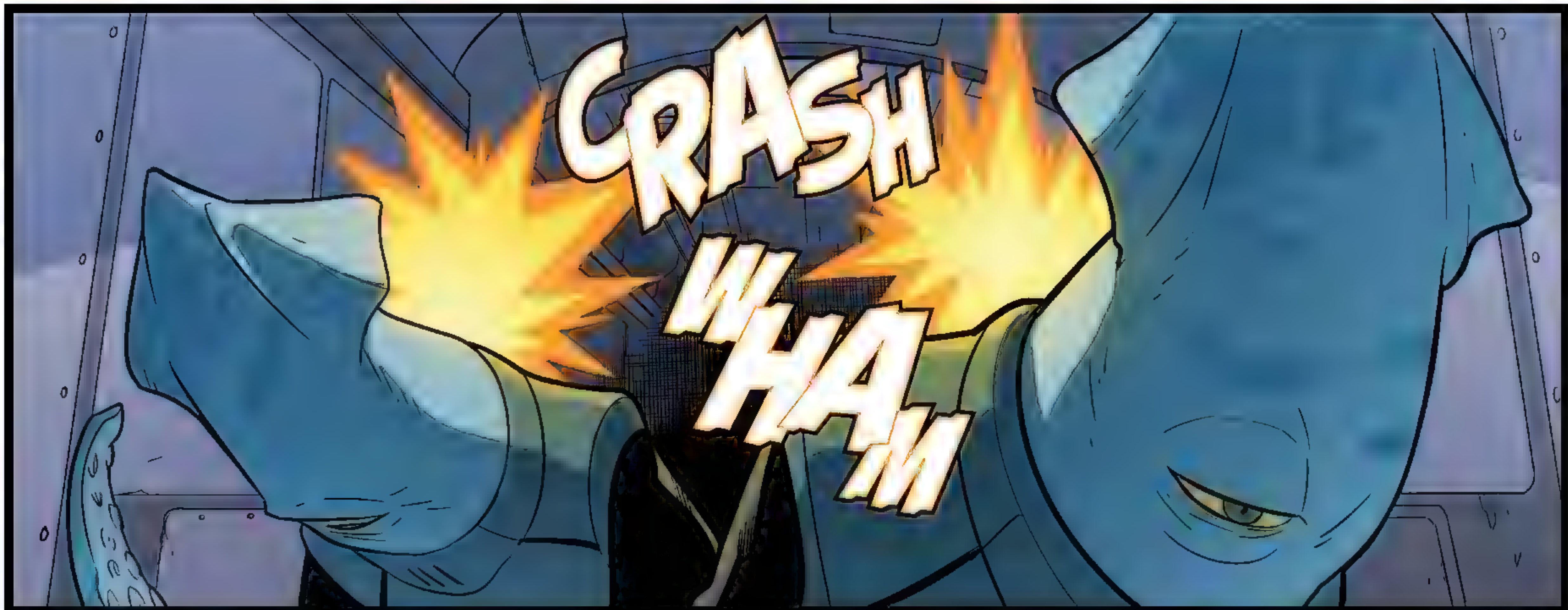
WELL,
I MEAN, THAT'S
HOW IT IS IN MY
UNIVERSE.

THEY MIGHT
NOT EVEN HAVE
PIZZA HERE.

HOW
HAVE I GONE
THIS LONG WITHOUT
CHECKING ABOUT
PIZZA?

I'M
GOING TO
LUIGI'S AFTER
THIS.





THAT
WASN'T
ME.

I AM
THE PIZZA
NOW.

≡COUGH≡

...UNBREAKABLE...

...GLASS...

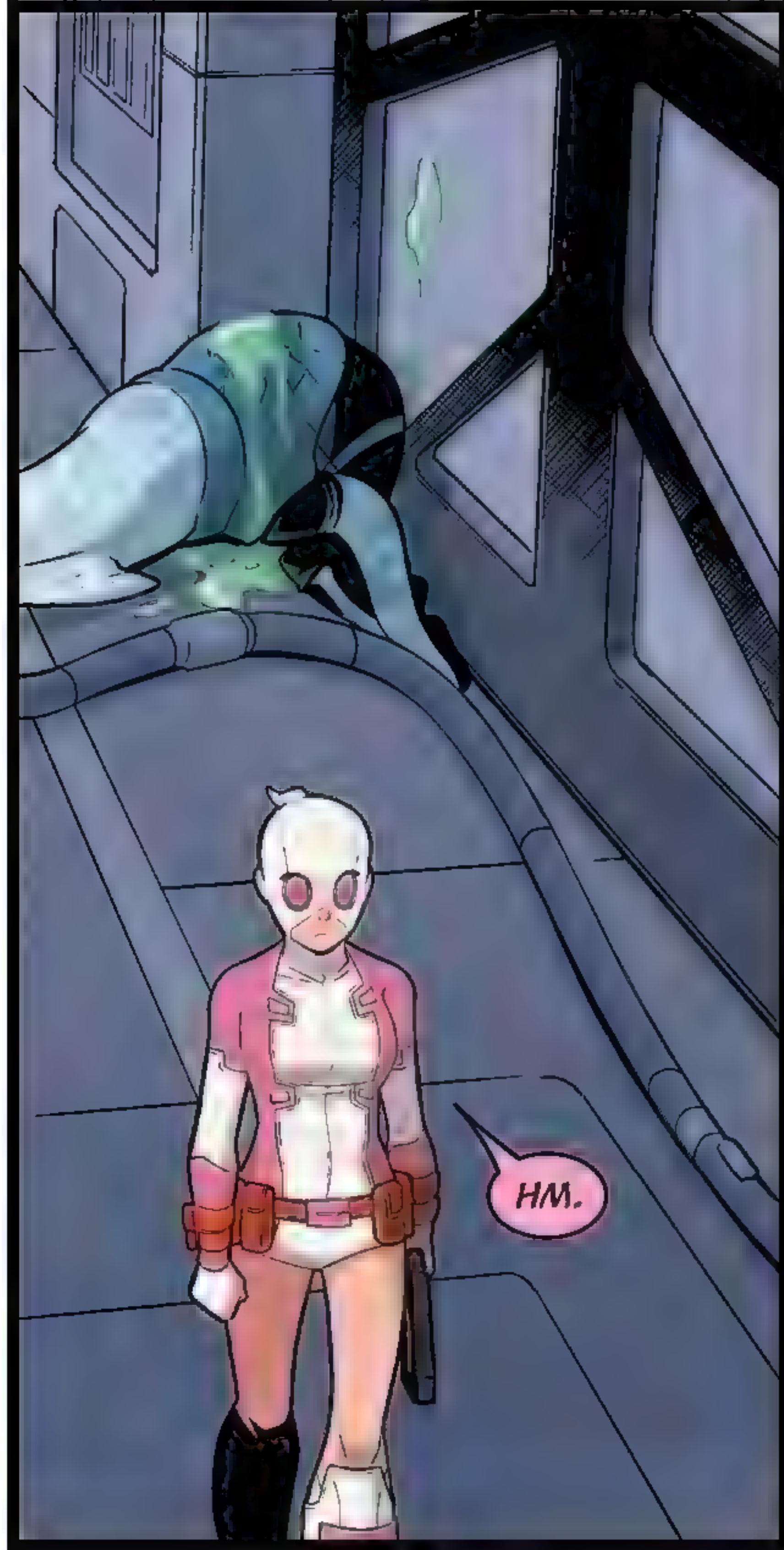
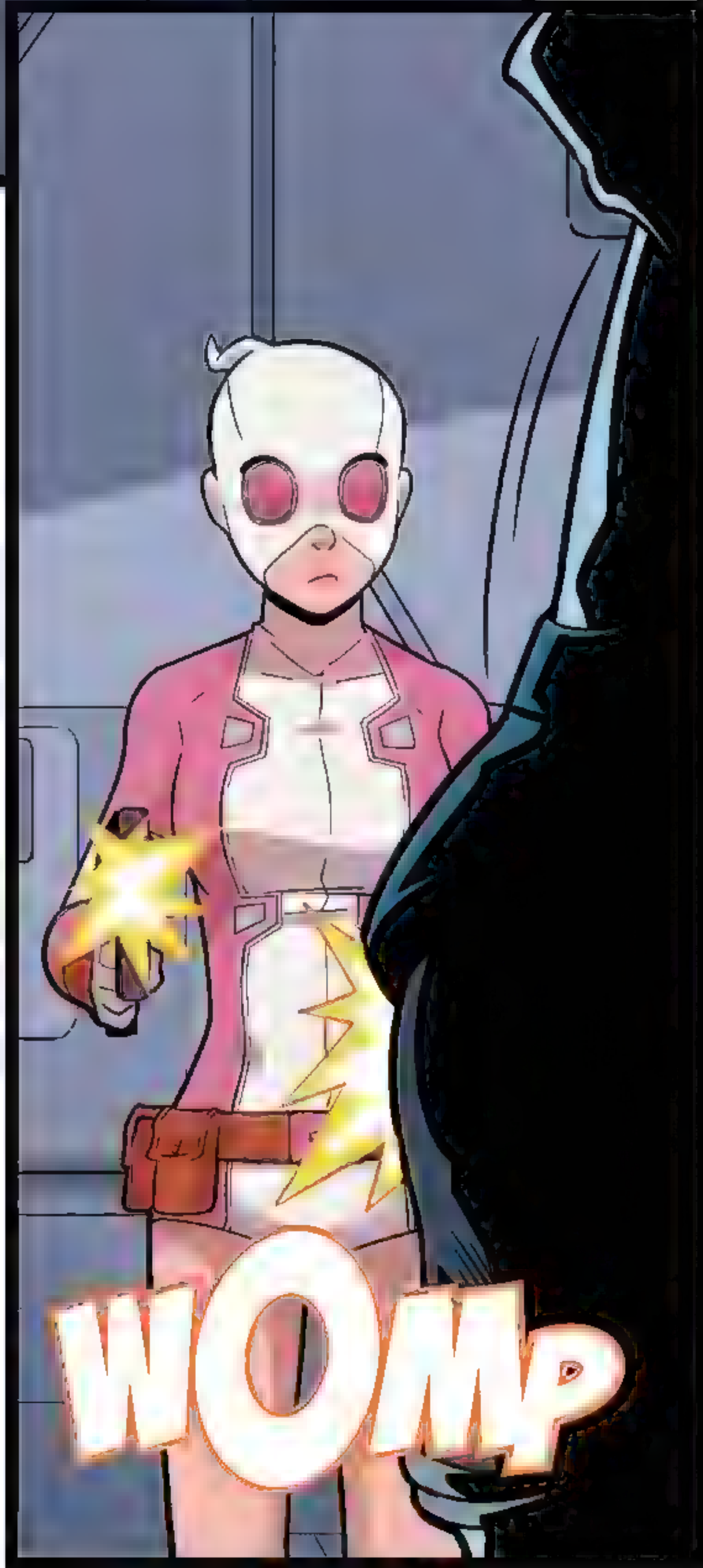
OH. DIDN'T
NEED TO TRY
TO BREAK THE
GLASS. THERE'S
A...HOLE?

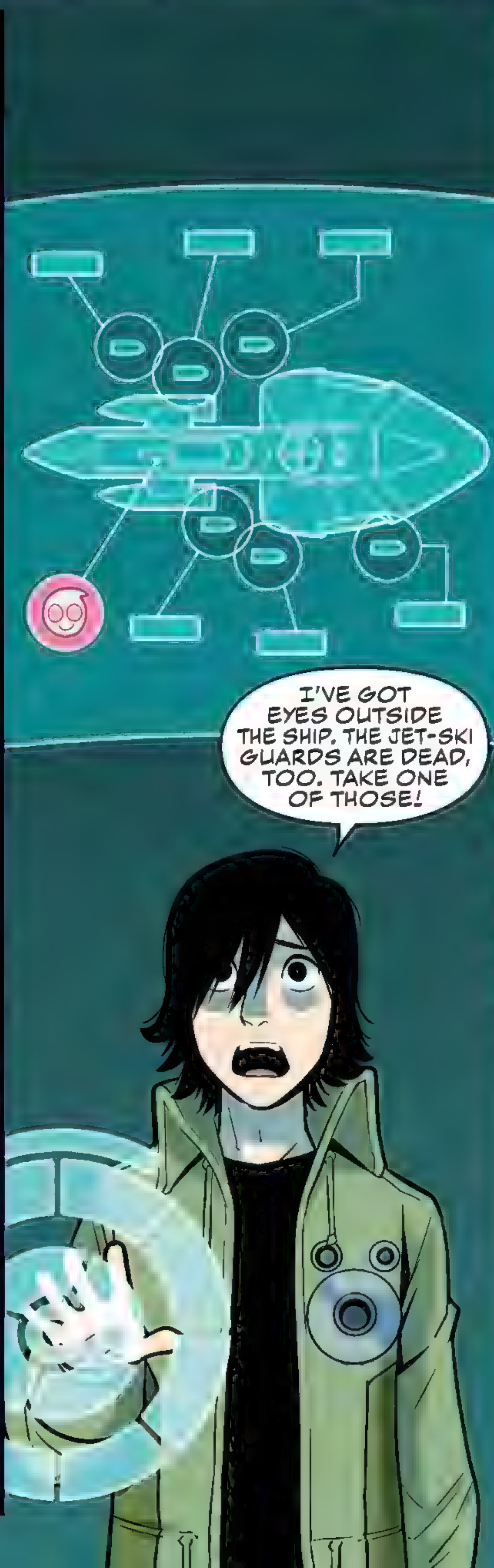
AAH!

QUIET,
GWEN!

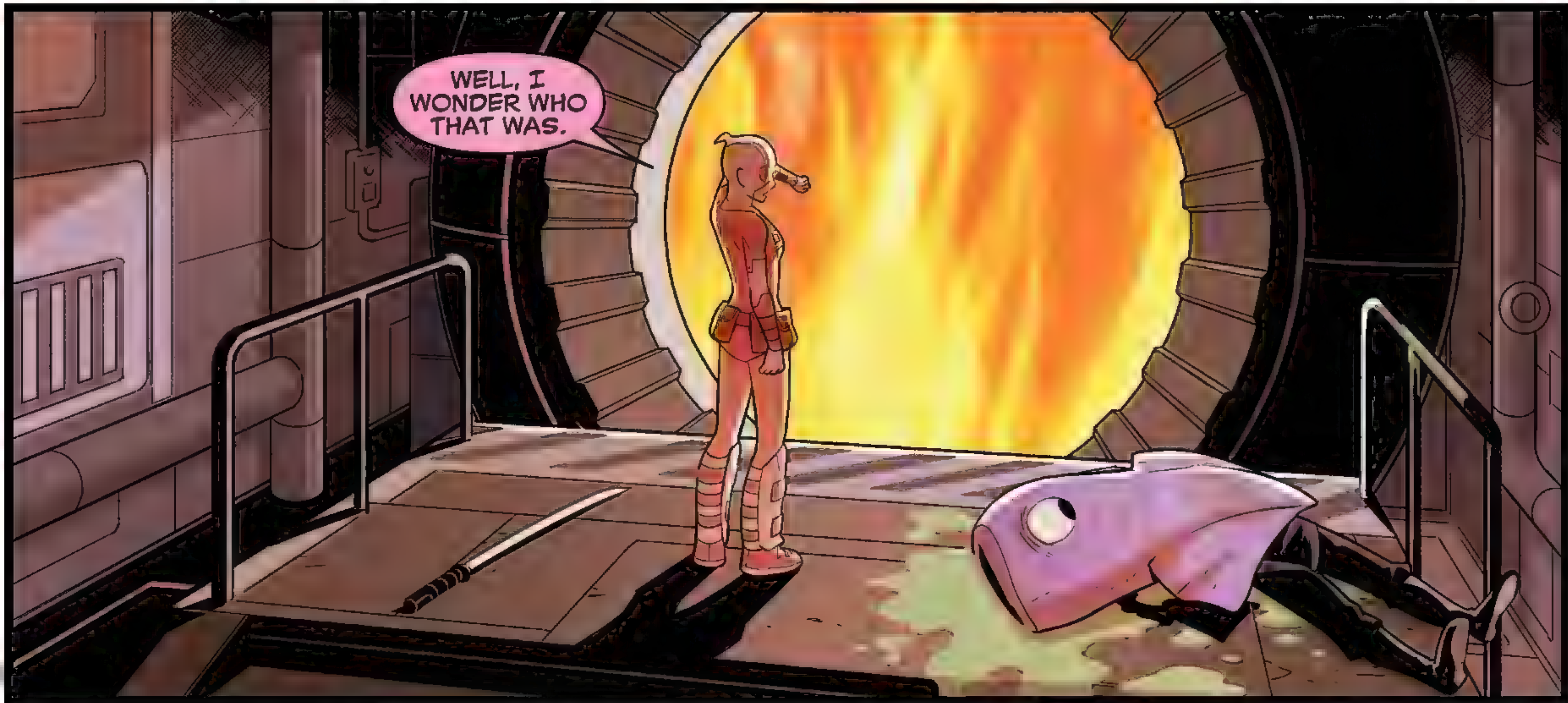
≡GULP≡

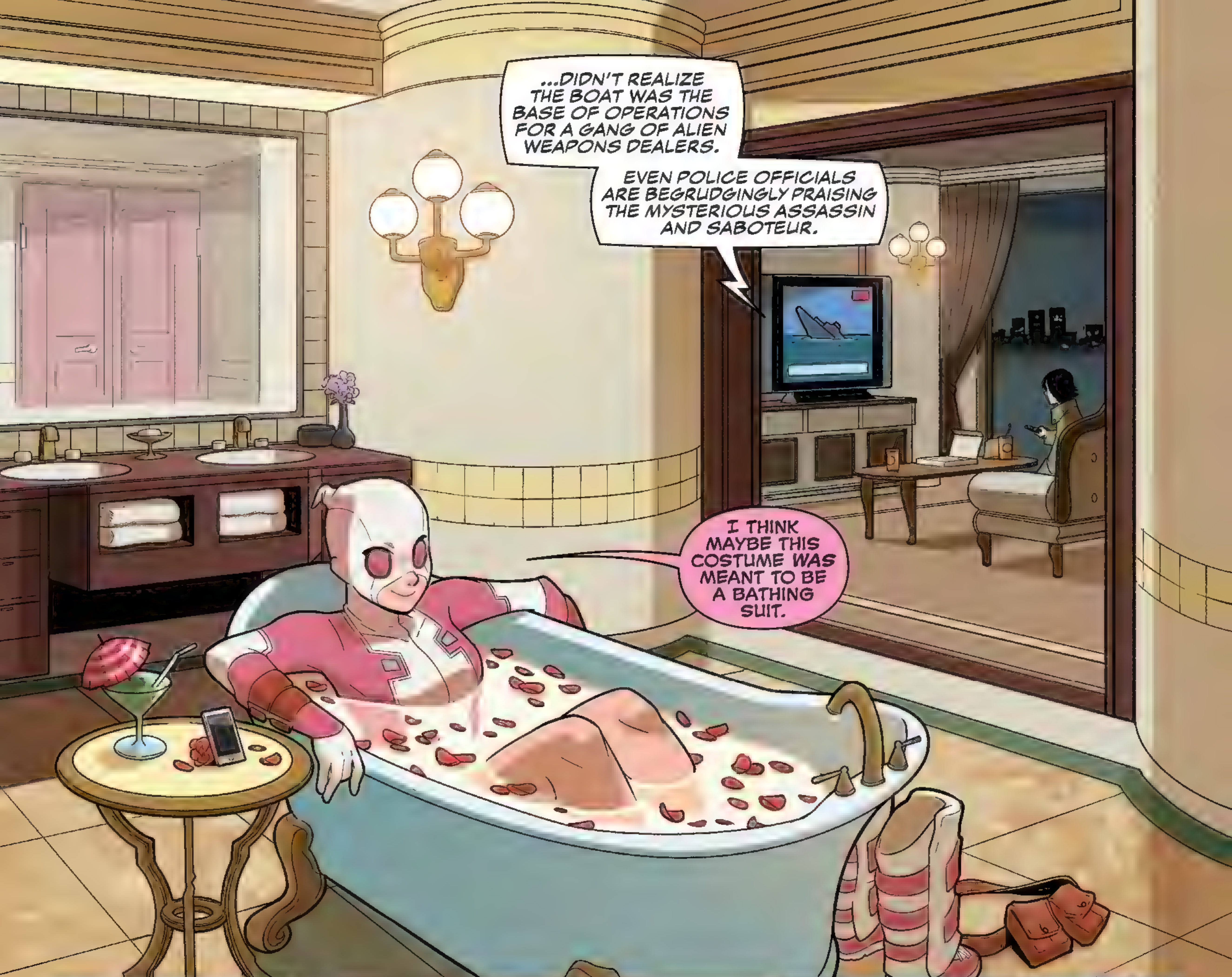
≡STEALTH
SCREEAAAAAM≡







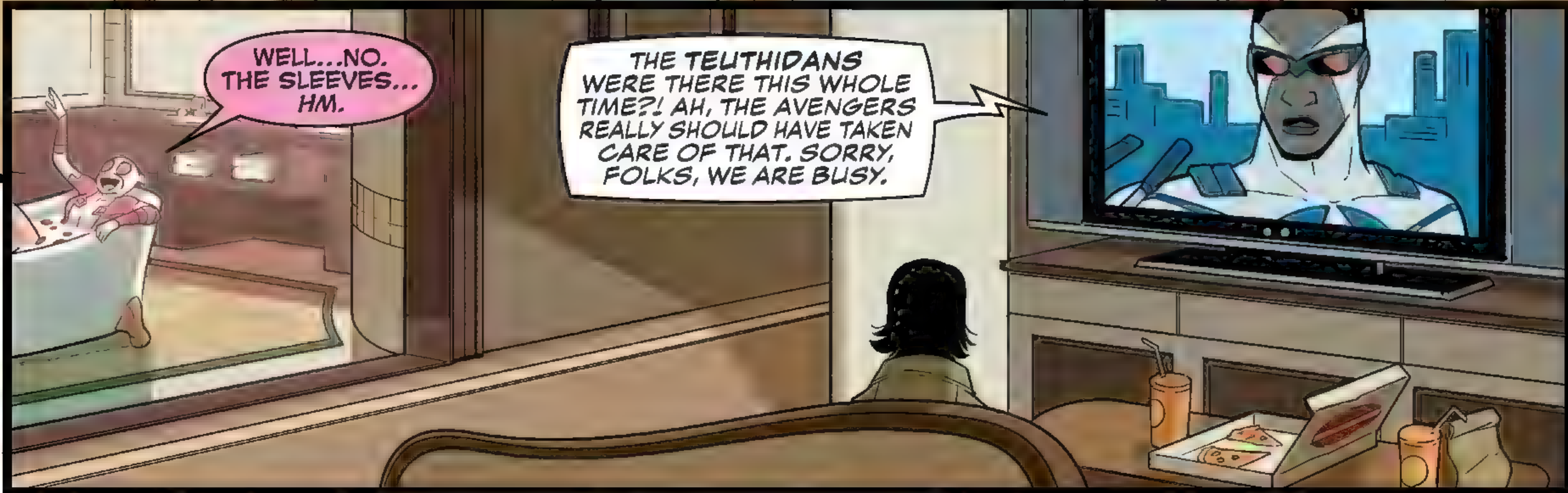




...DIDN'T REALIZE THE BOAT WAS THE BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR A GANG OF ALIEN WEAPONS DEALERS.

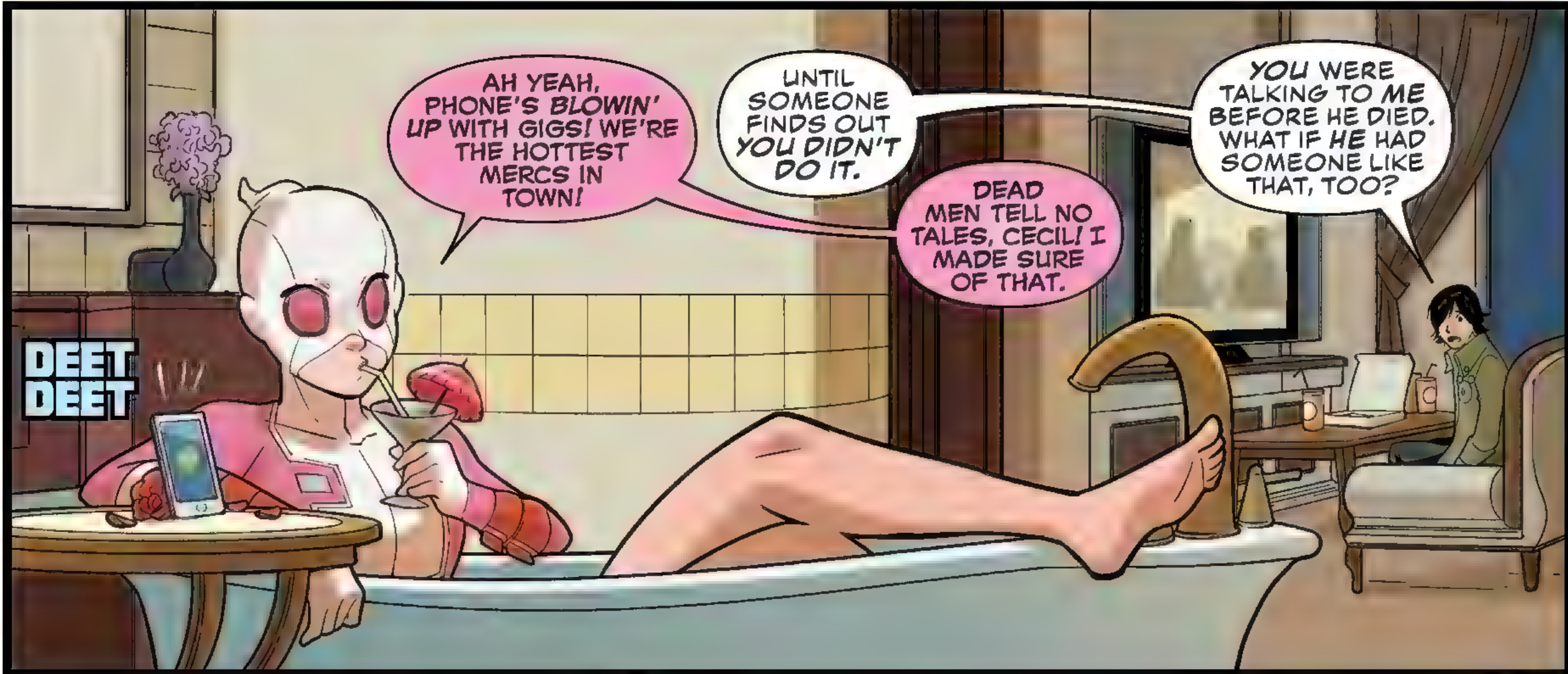
EVEN POLICE OFFICIALS ARE BEGRUDGINGLY PRAISING THE MYSTERIOUS ASSASSIN AND SABOTEUR.

I THINK MAYBE THIS COSTUME WAS MEANT TO BE A BATHING SUIT.



WELL...NO. THE SLEEVES... HM.

THE TELUTHIDANS WERE THERE THIS WHOLE TIME?! AH, THE AVENGERS REALLY SHOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THAT. SORRY, FOLKS, WE ARE BUSY.



AH YEAH, PHONE'S BLOWIN' UP WITH GIGS! WE'RE THE HOTTEST MERCS IN TOWN!

UNTIL SOMEONE FINDS OUT YOU DIDN'T DO IT.

DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES, CECIL! I MADE SURE OF THAT.

YOU WERE TALKING TO ME BEFORE HE DIED. WHAT IF HE HAD SOMEONE LIKE THAT, TOO?

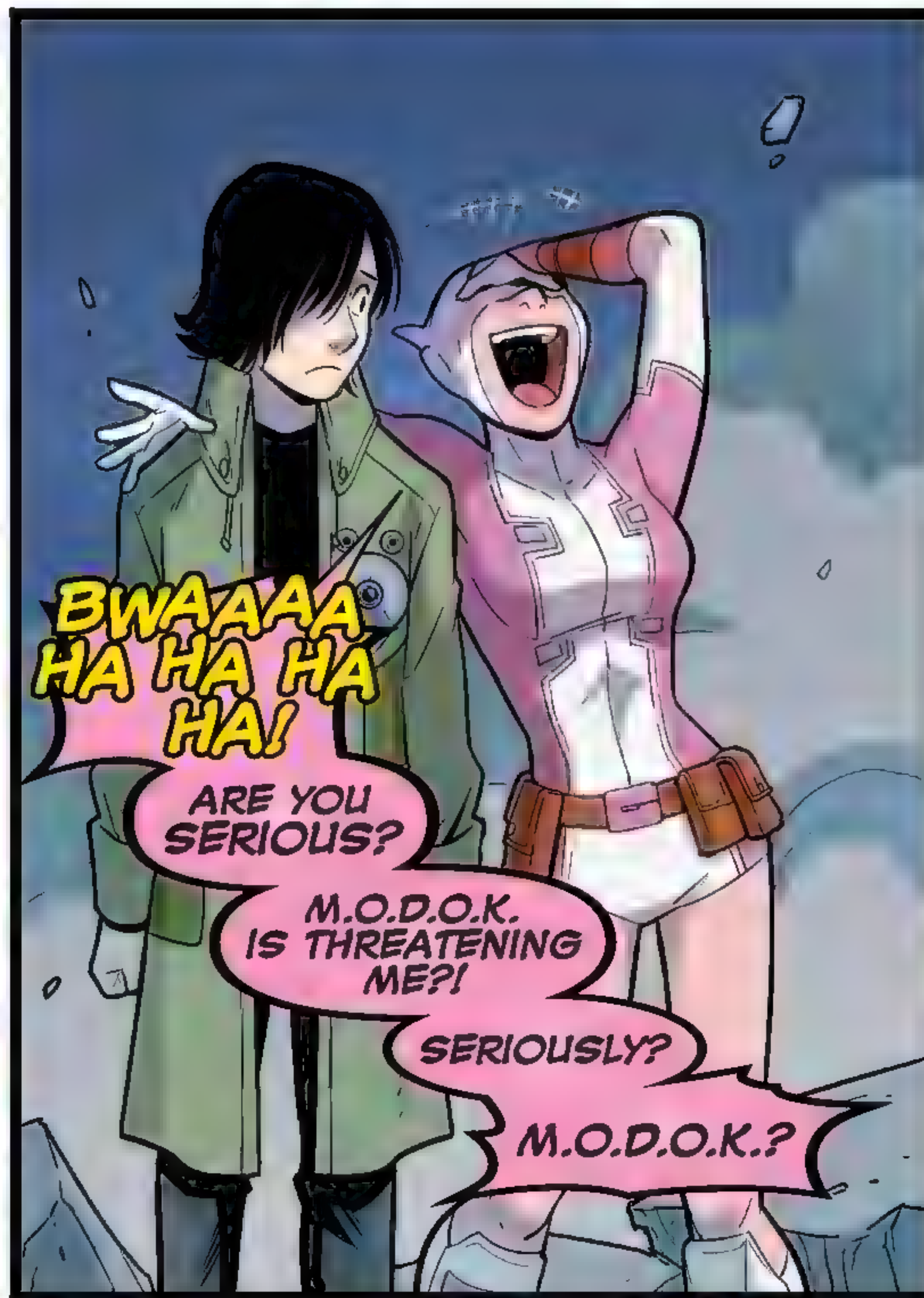
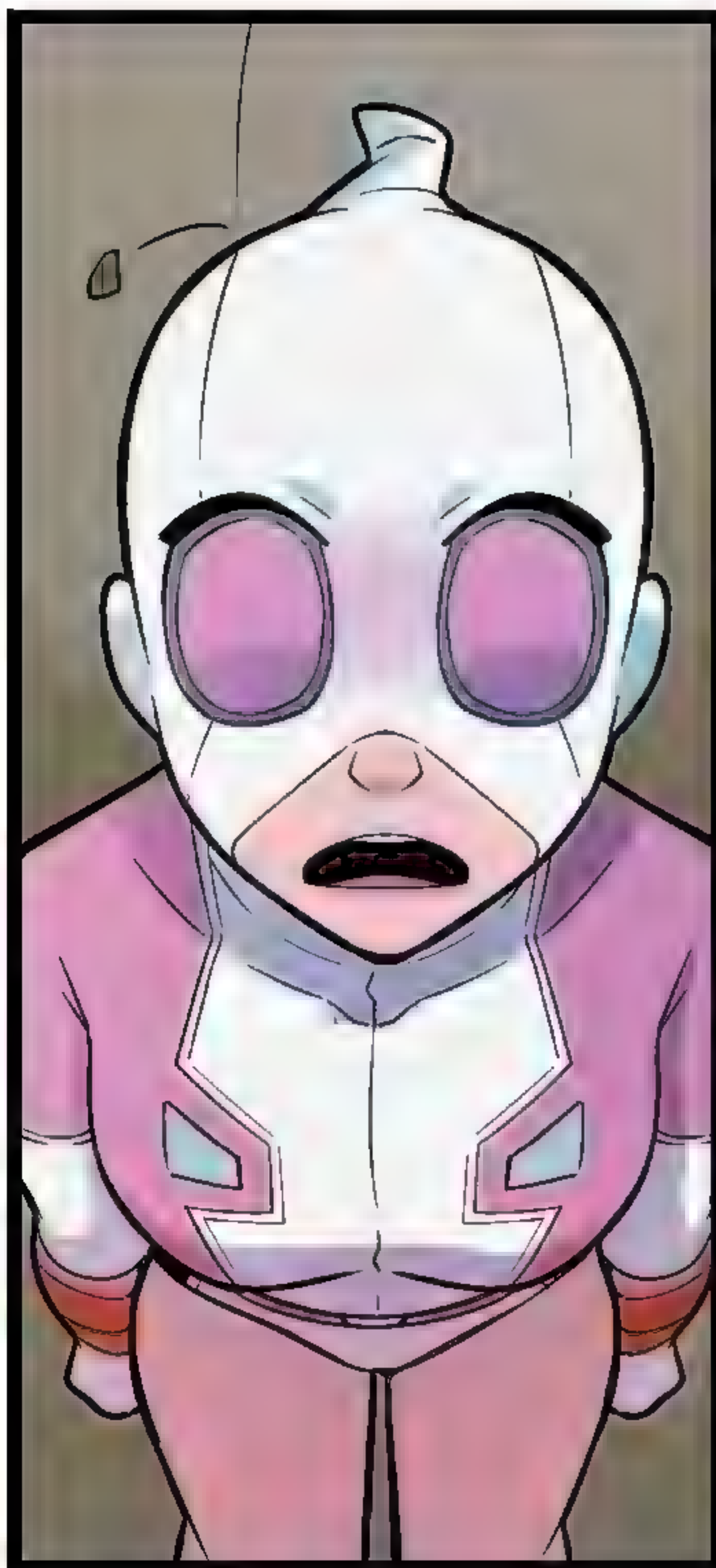
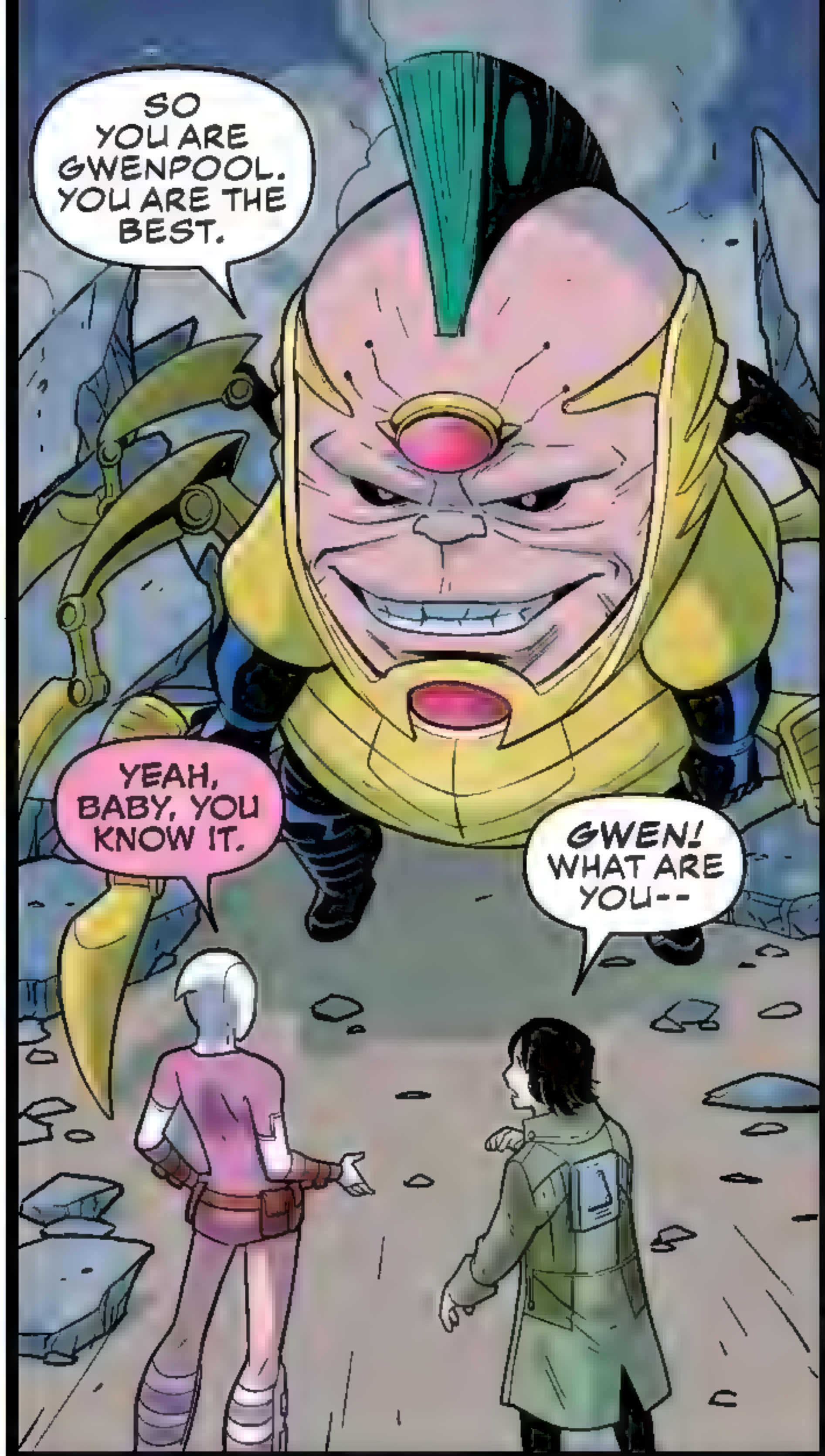
DEET DEET



KABOOM

OH, THE
SYMBOL ON THAT
GUY'S SUIT MEANT
SOMETHING.
I SEE.

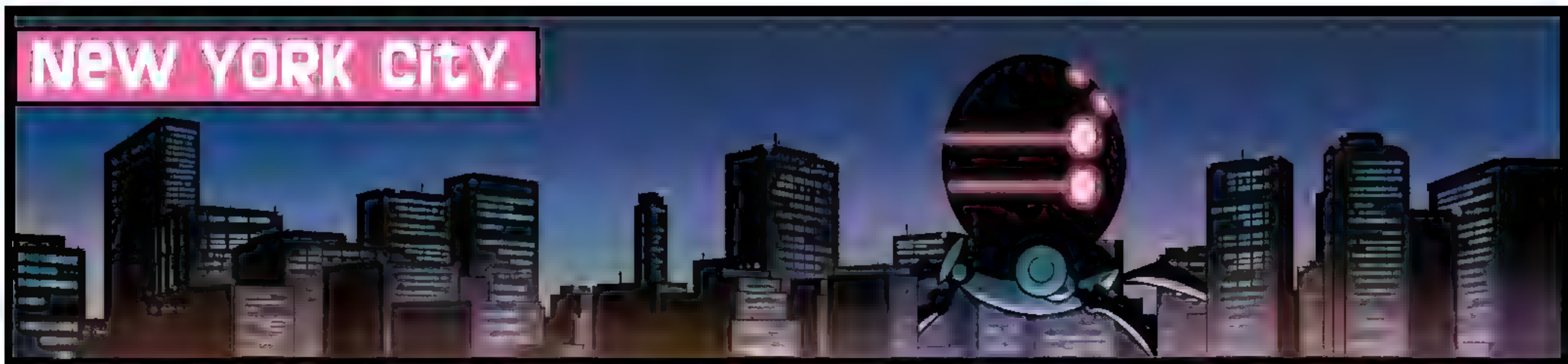
YES. IT
STANDS FOR
M.O.D.O.K.













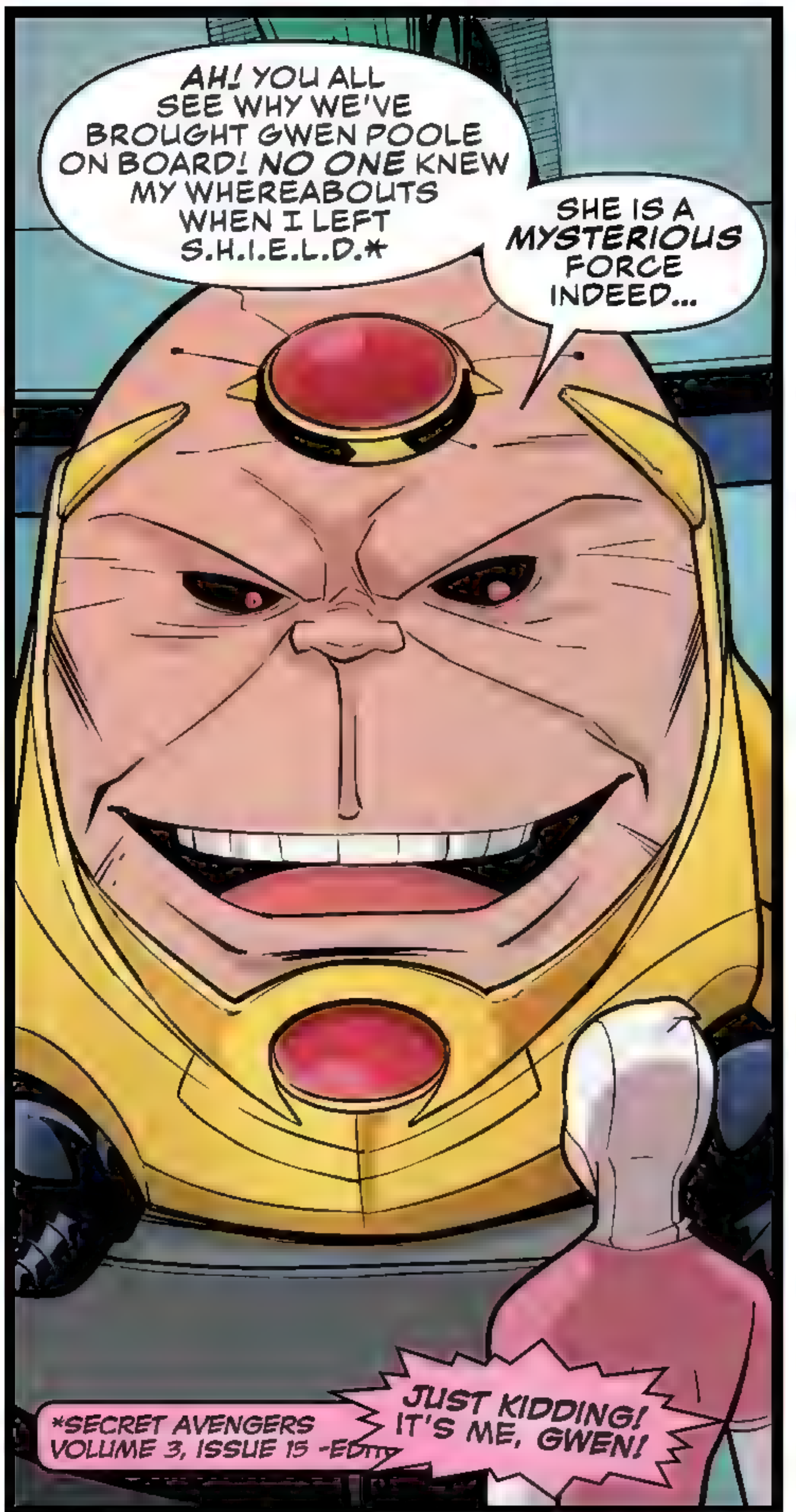
OUR CLIENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM DEAD BEFORE THAT--

MS. POOLE. YOU HAVE A QUESTION?



YEAH. WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? DIDN'T YOU RETIRE?

TO A LITTLE SHACK WITH A WEIRD SCIENCE MONKEY IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE?



AH! YOU ALL SEE WHY WE'VE BROUGHT GWEN POOLE ON BOARD! NO ONE KNEW MY WHEREABOUTS WHEN I LEFT S.H.I.E.L.D.*

SHE IS A MYSTERIOUS FORCE INDEED...

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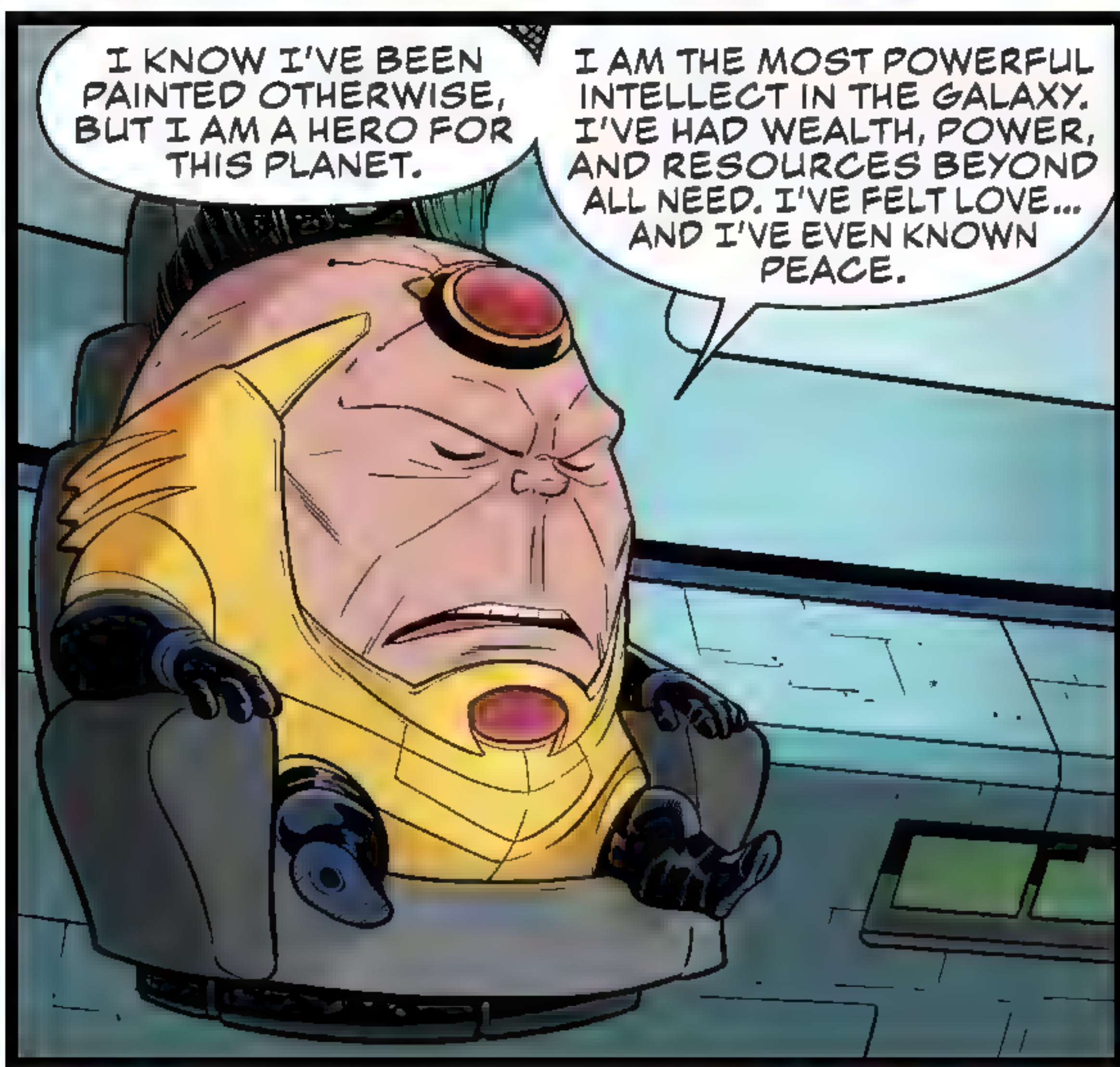
JUST KIDDING! IT'S ME, GWEN!



ONE I COULD LITTERLY DESTROY AT MY WHIM, DON'T GET IT TWISTED!

YES, POOLE. I RETIRED. IT GOT BORING. NOW I'M BACK. CAN'T IT BE AS SIMPLE AS THAT?

I'M SURE CECIL WOULD HAVE APPRECIATED KNOWING WHY YOU KILLED HIM.



I KNOW I'VE BEEN PAINTED OTHERWISE, BUT I AM A HERO FOR THIS PLANET.

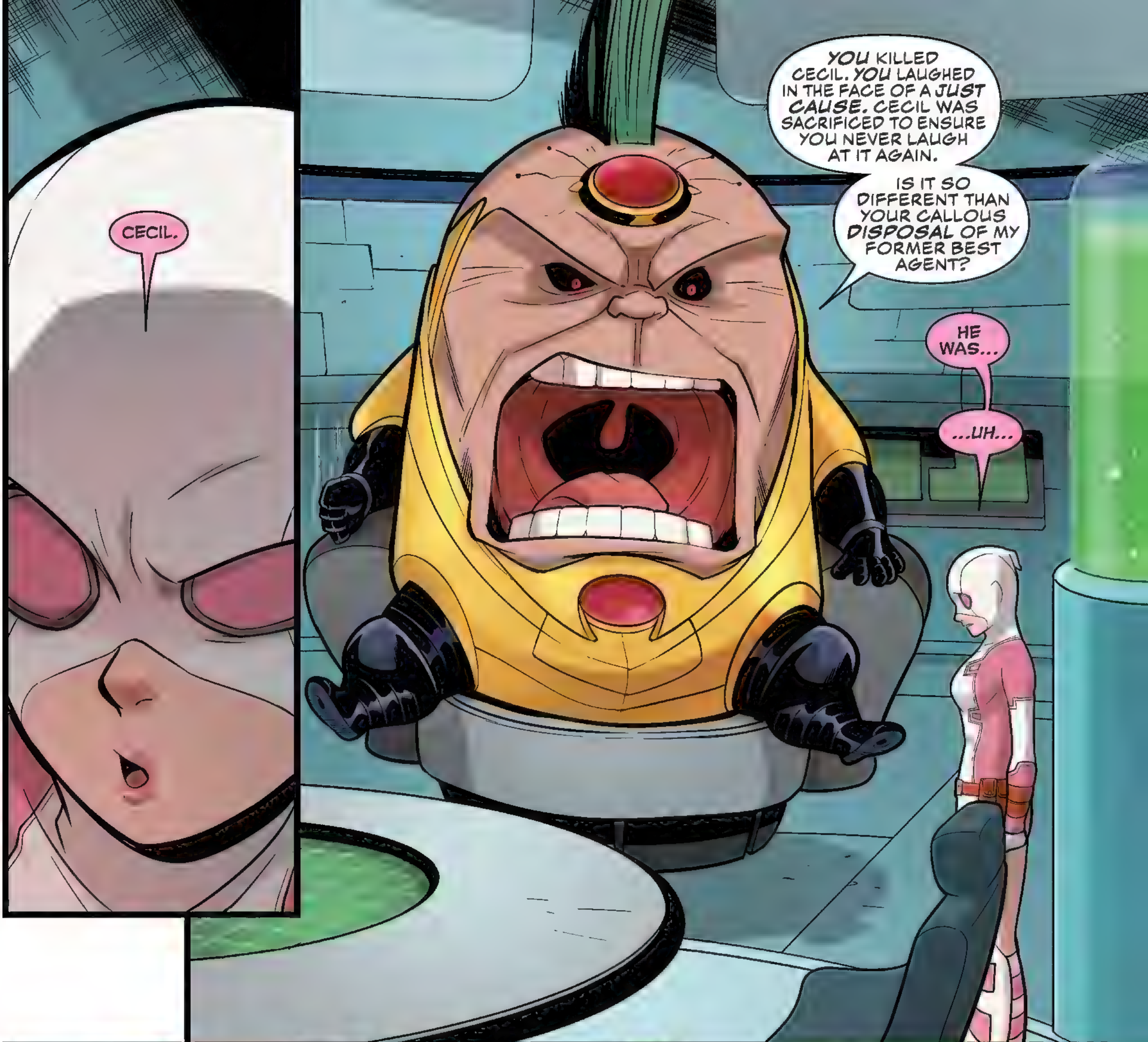
I AM THE MOST POWERFUL INTELLECT IN THE GALAXY. I'VE HAD WEALTH, POWER, AND RESOURCES BEYOND ALL NEED. I'VE FELT LOVE... AND I'VE EVEN KNOWN PEACE.



IT'S NOT ENOUGH. WHY? I CAN'T SAY. SO I'M STARTING FROM THE BOTTOM.

I AM THE MENTAL ORGANISM DESIGNED ONLY FOR KILLING. SO KILLING IS WHAT I WILL DO.

BUT I AM A RIGHTEOUS KILLER! AND SO MUST BE MY AGENTS. WE ARE MERCENARIES AND ASSASSINS, BUT WE ONLY ACCEPT PAYMENT FOR THE BLOOD OF EVIL.



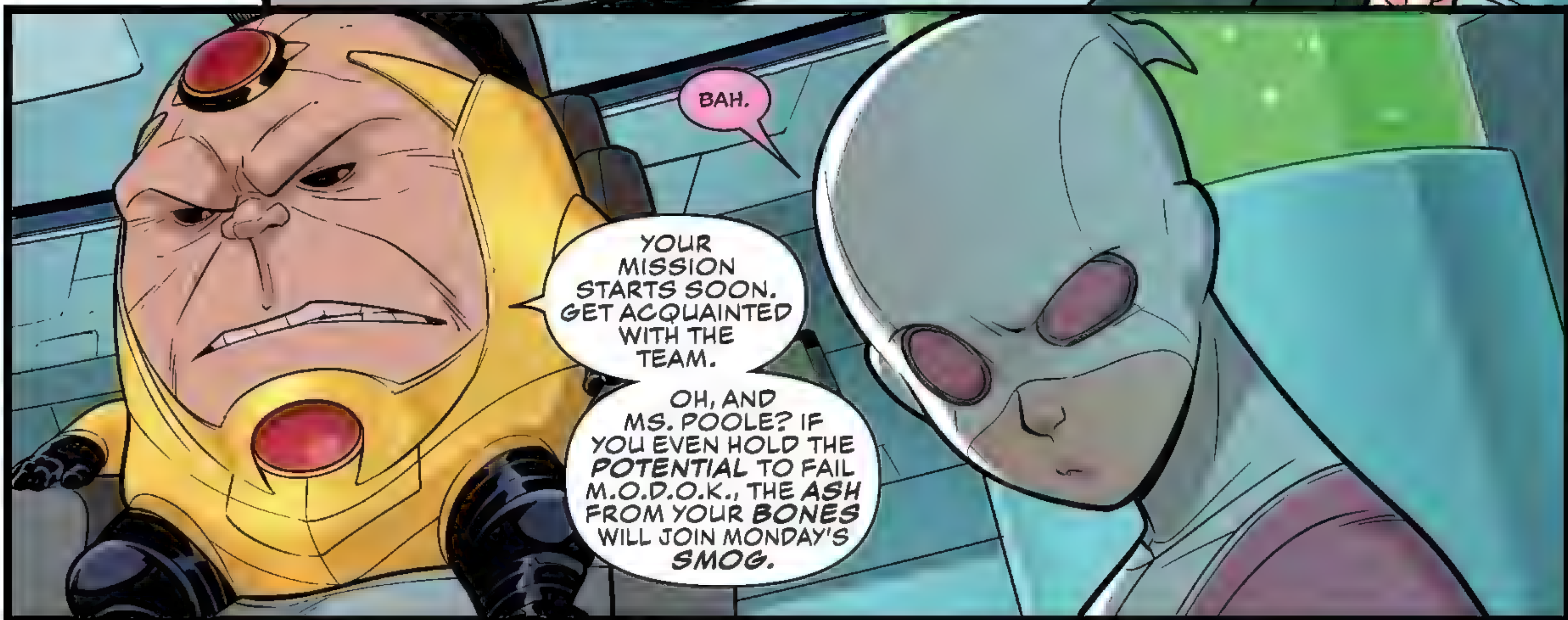
CECIL.

YOU KILLED CECIL. YOU LAUGHED IN THE FACE OF A JUST CAUSE. CECIL WAS SACRIFICED TO ENSURE YOU NEVER LAUGH AT IT AGAIN.

IS IT SO DIFFERENT THAN YOUR CALLOUS DISPOSAL OF MY FORMER BEST AGENT?

HE WAS...

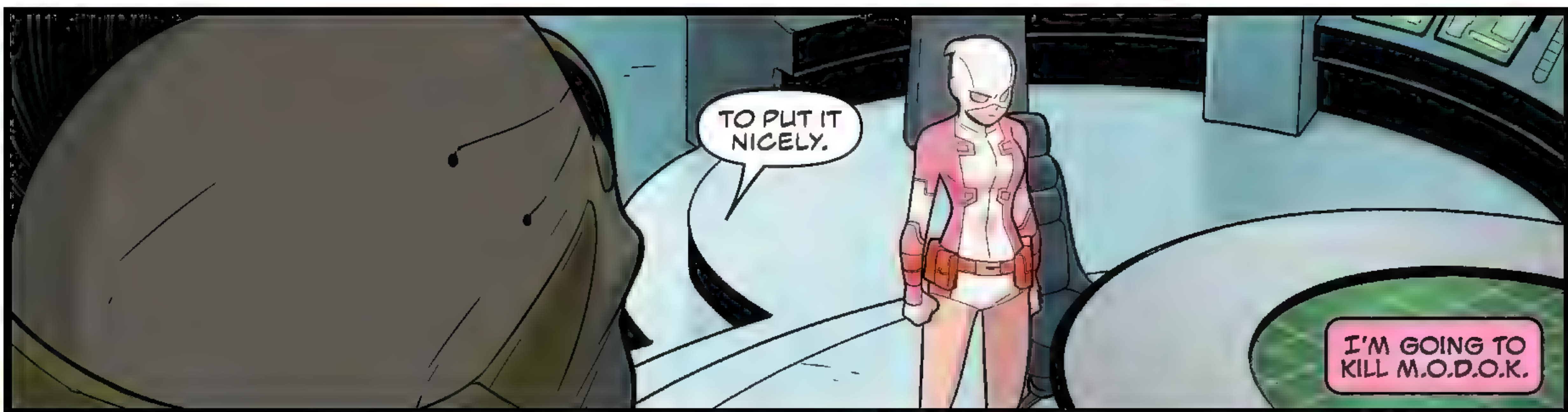
...UH...



BAH.

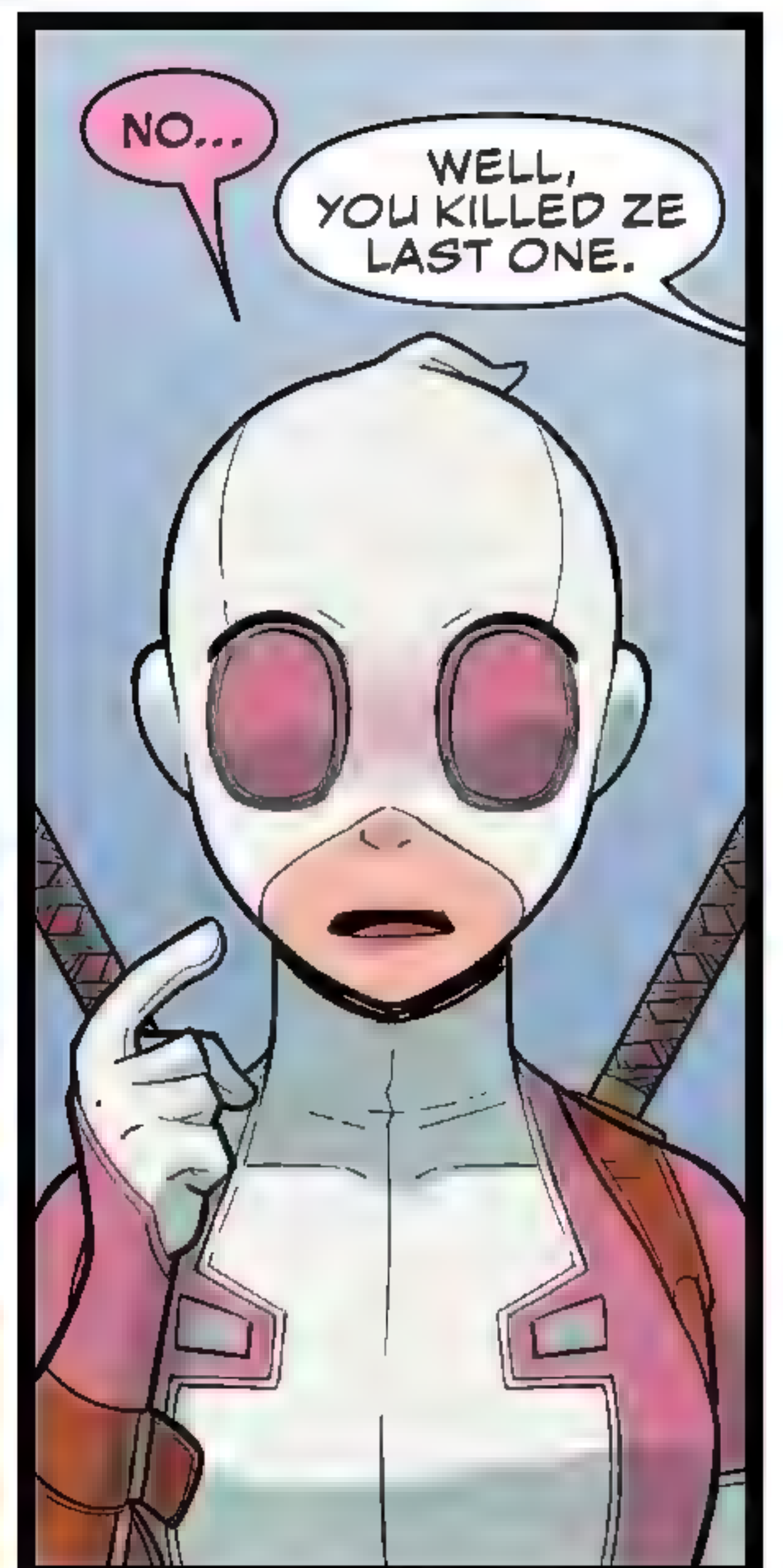
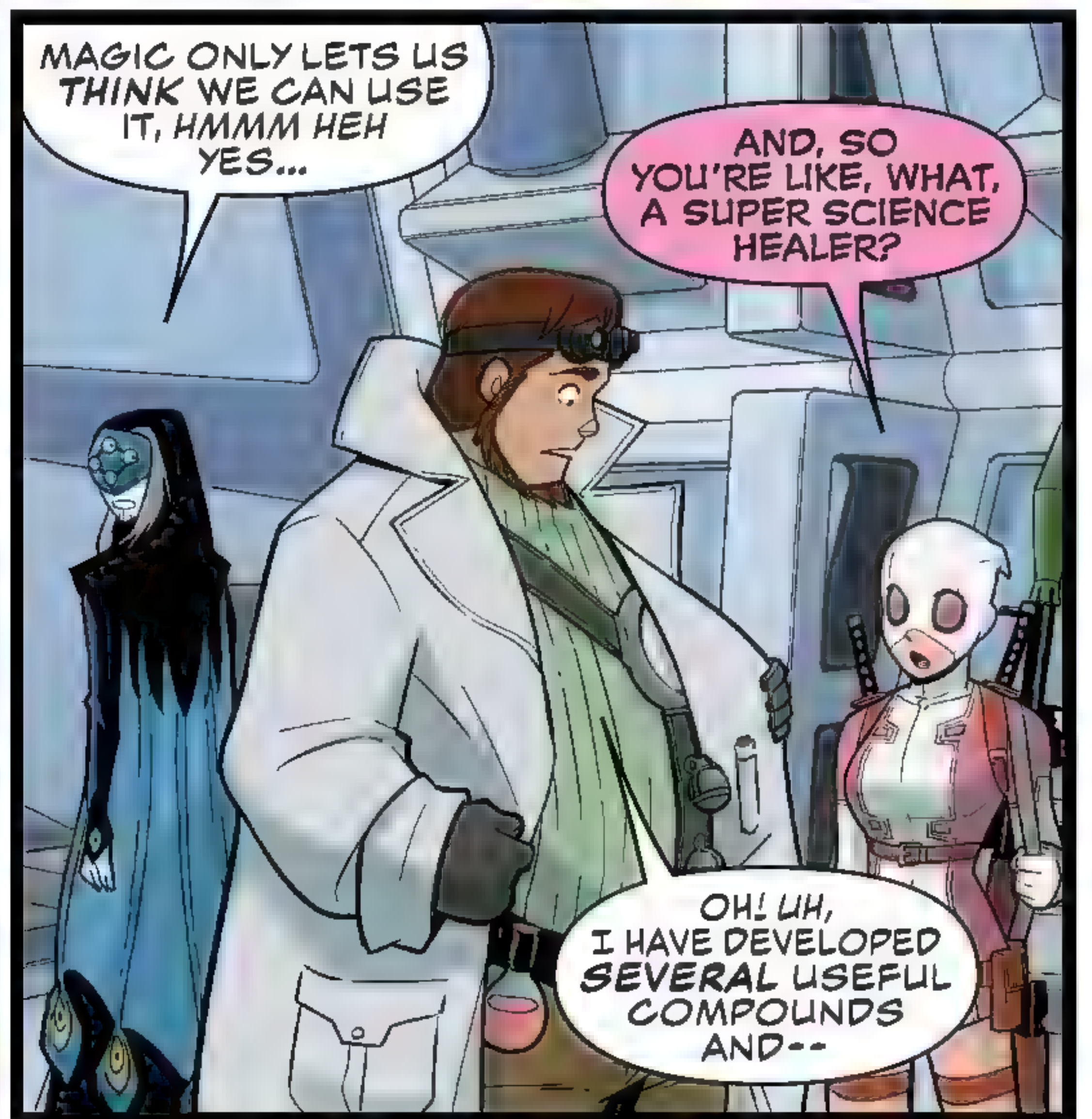
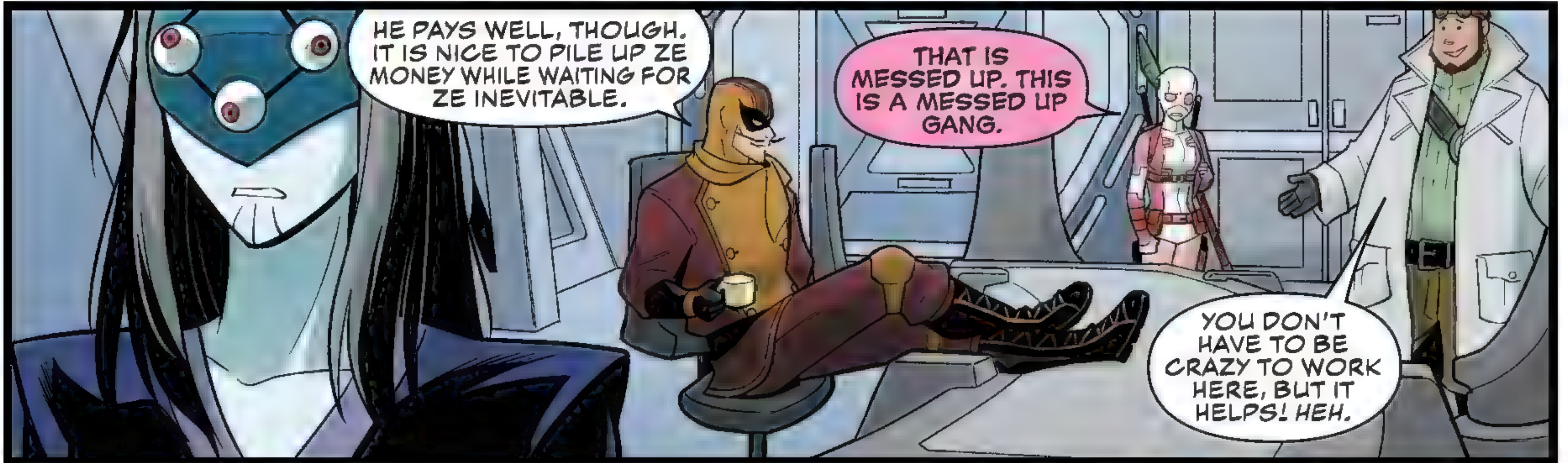
YOUR MISSION STARTS SOON. GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE TEAM.

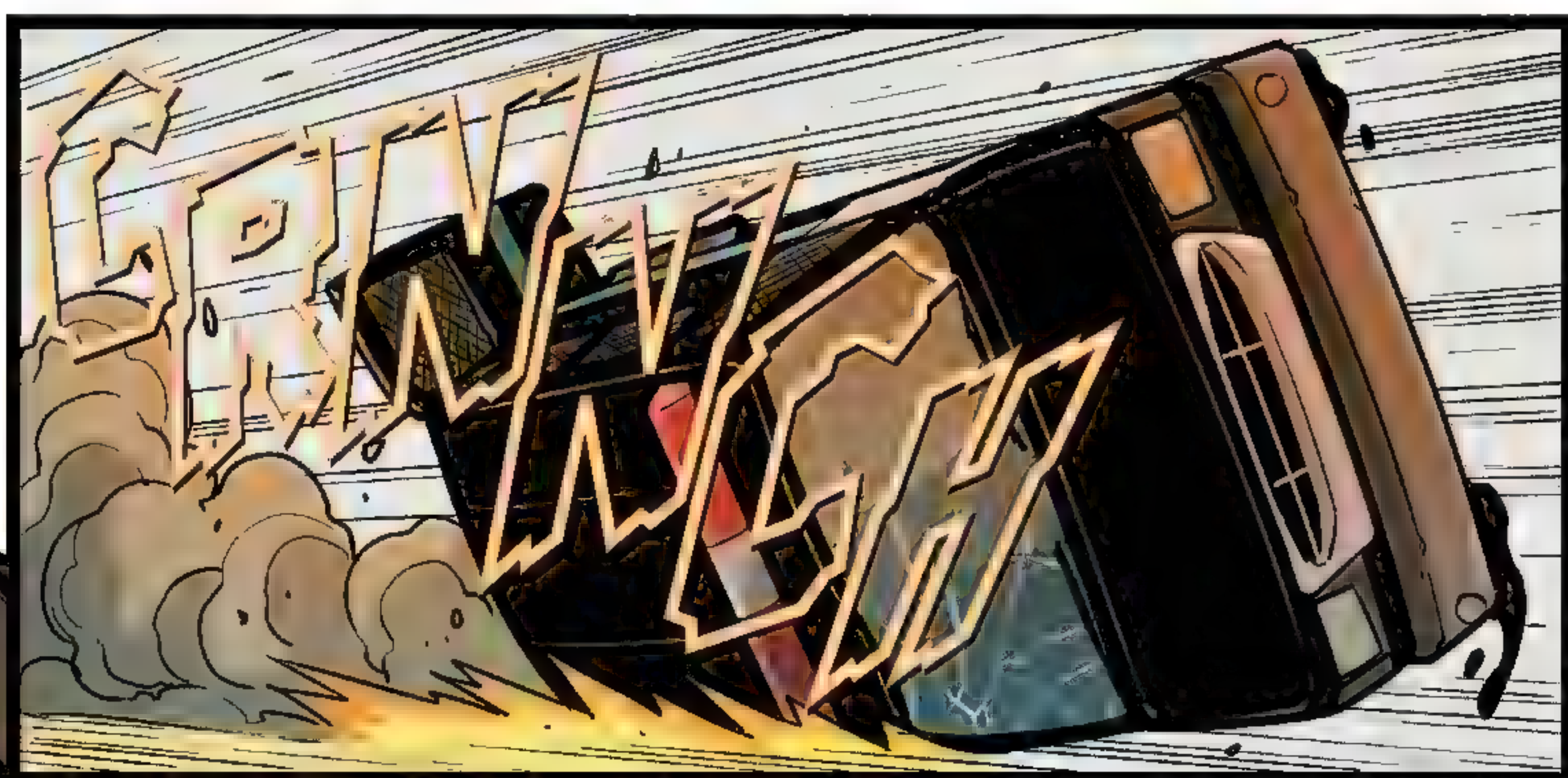
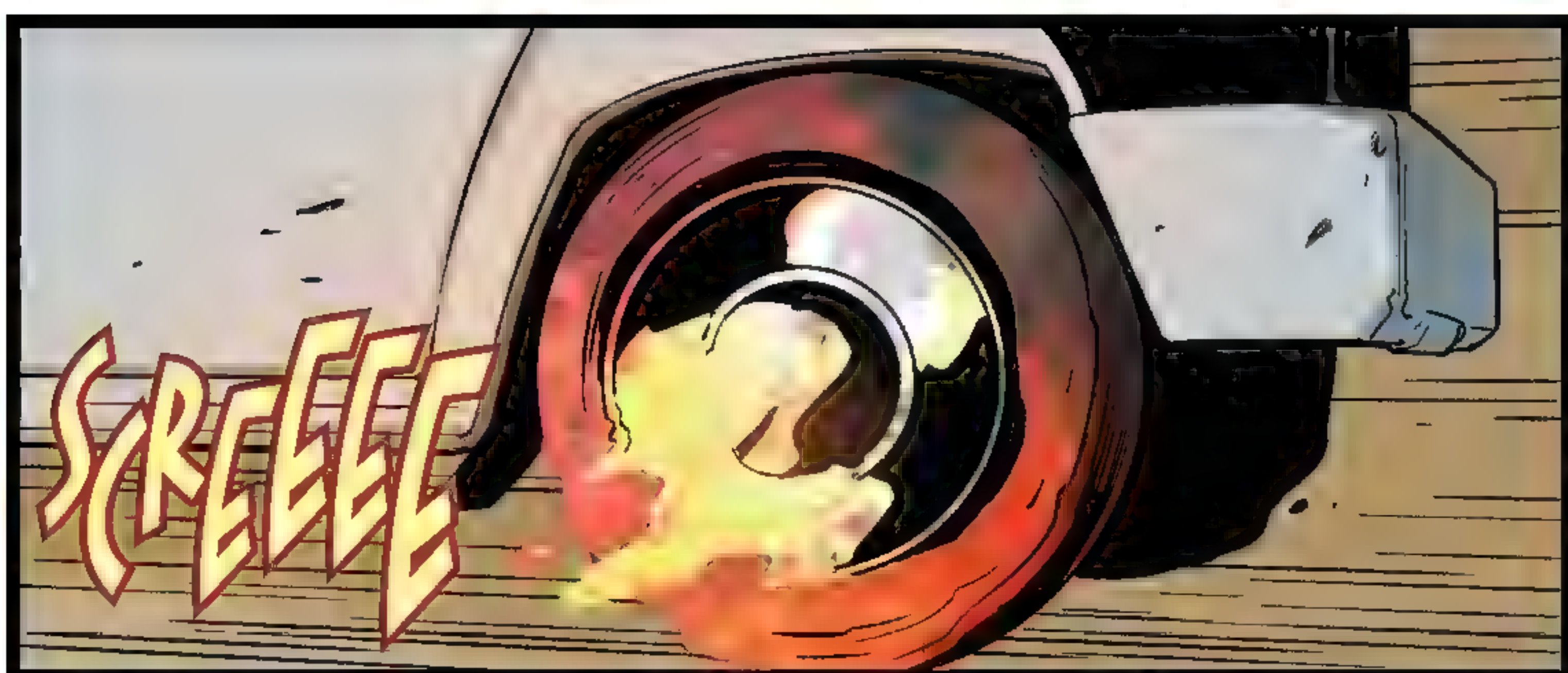
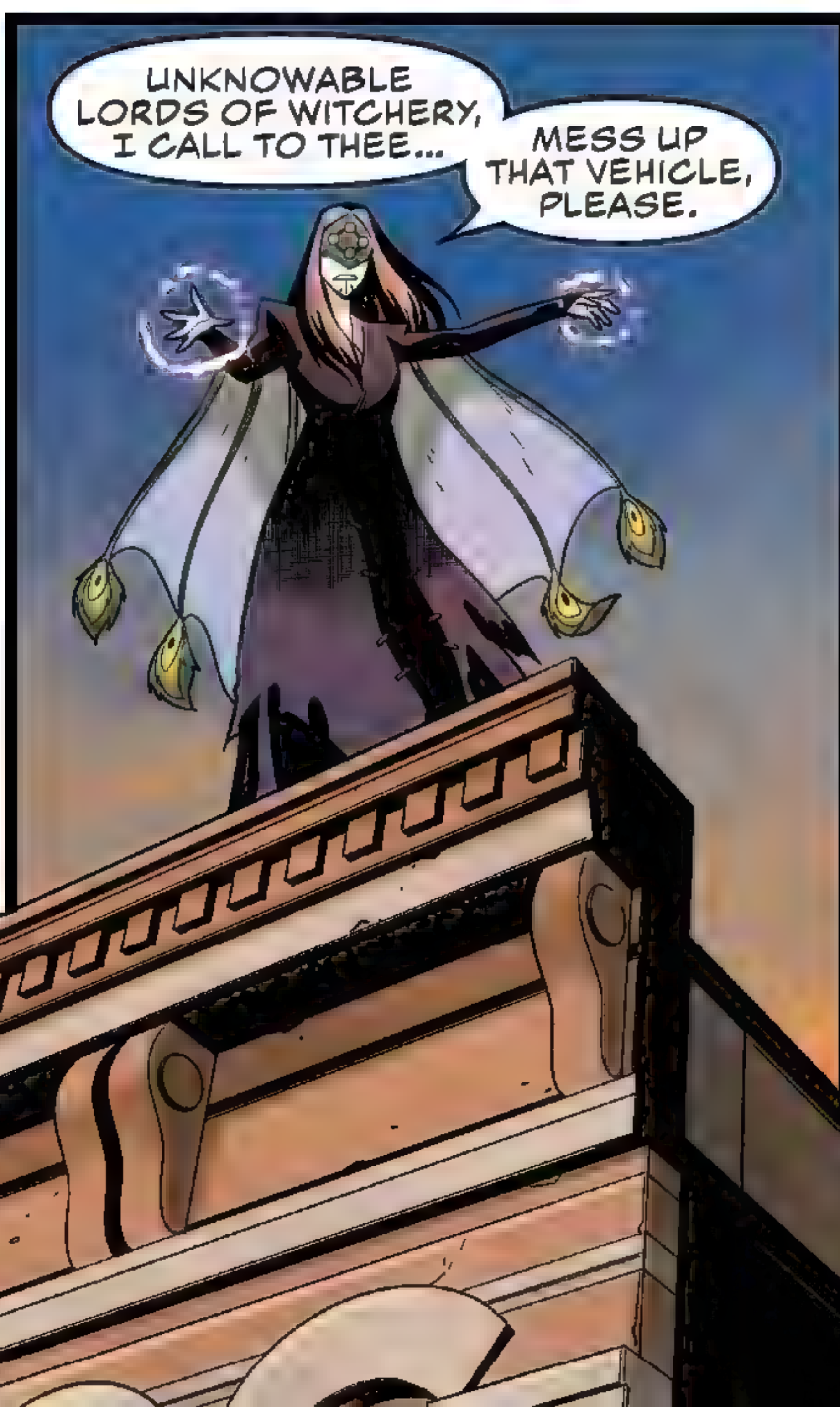
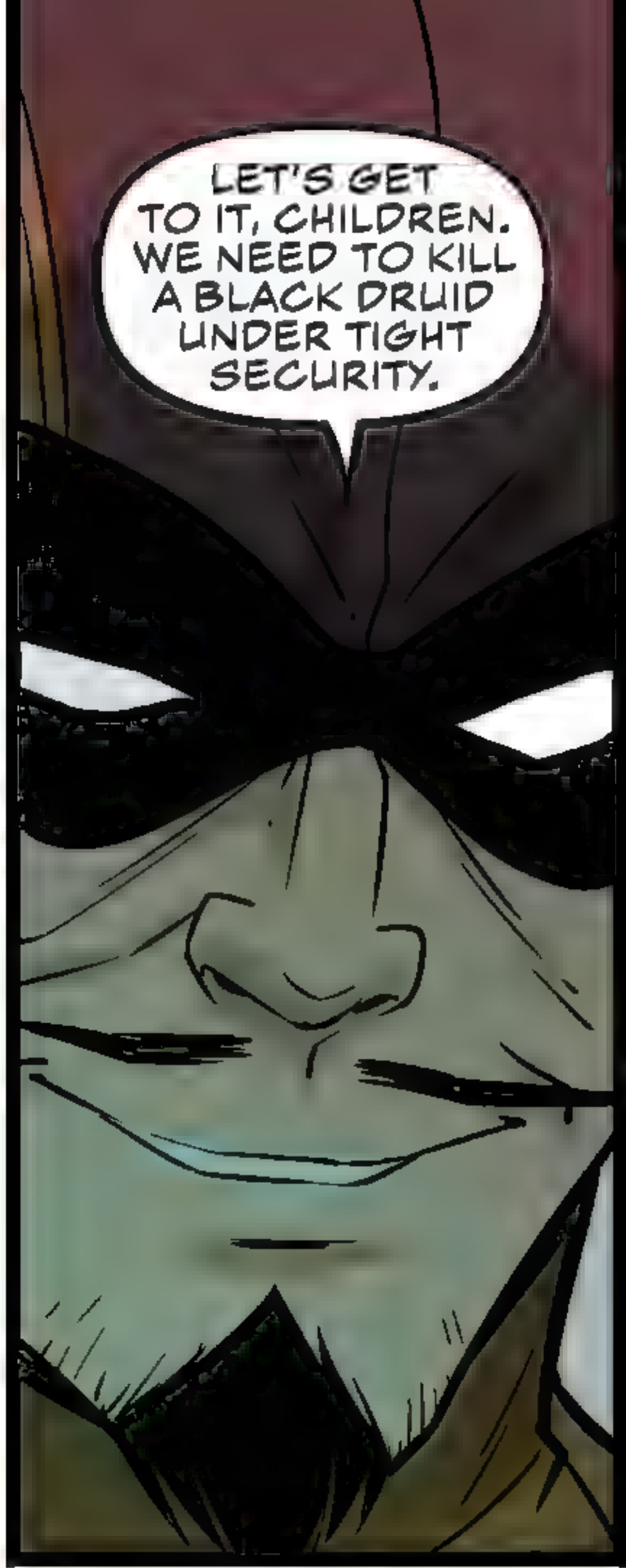
OH, AND MS. POOLE? IF YOU EVEN HOLD THE POTENTIAL TO FAIL M.O.D.O.K., THE ASH FROM YOUR BONES WILL JOIN MONDAY'S SMOG.



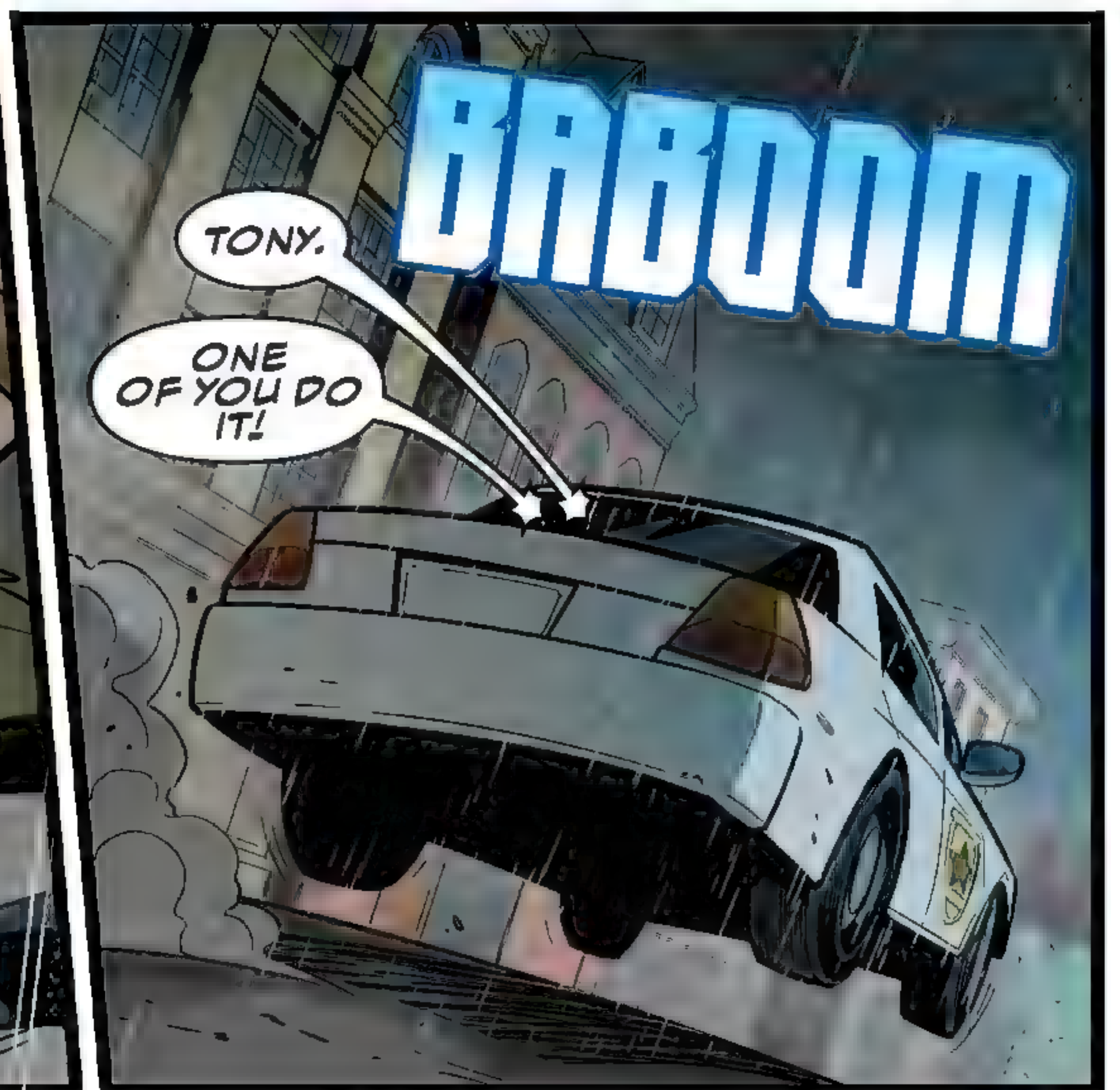
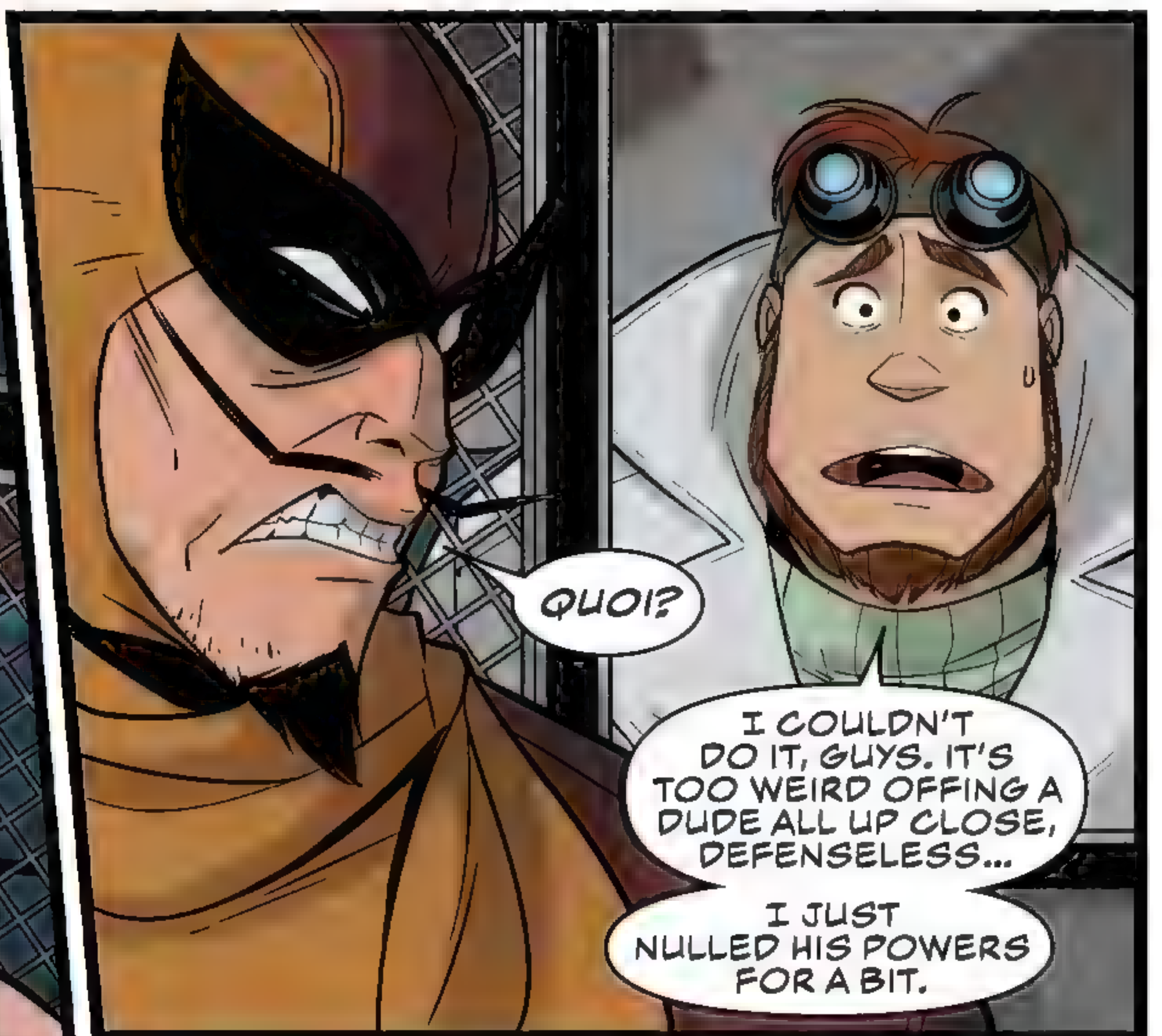
TO PUT IT NICELY.

I'M GOING TO KILL M.O.D.O.K.









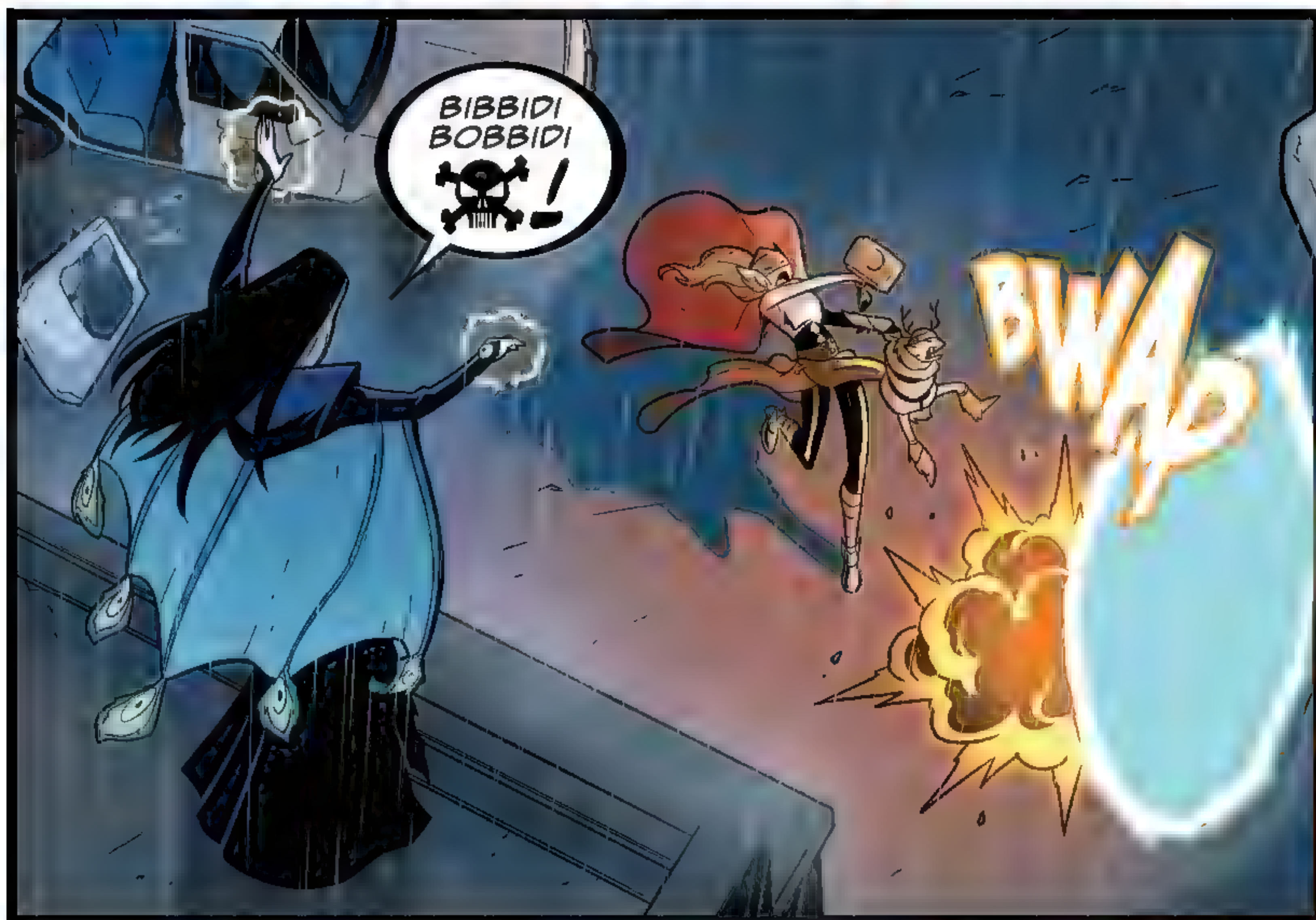
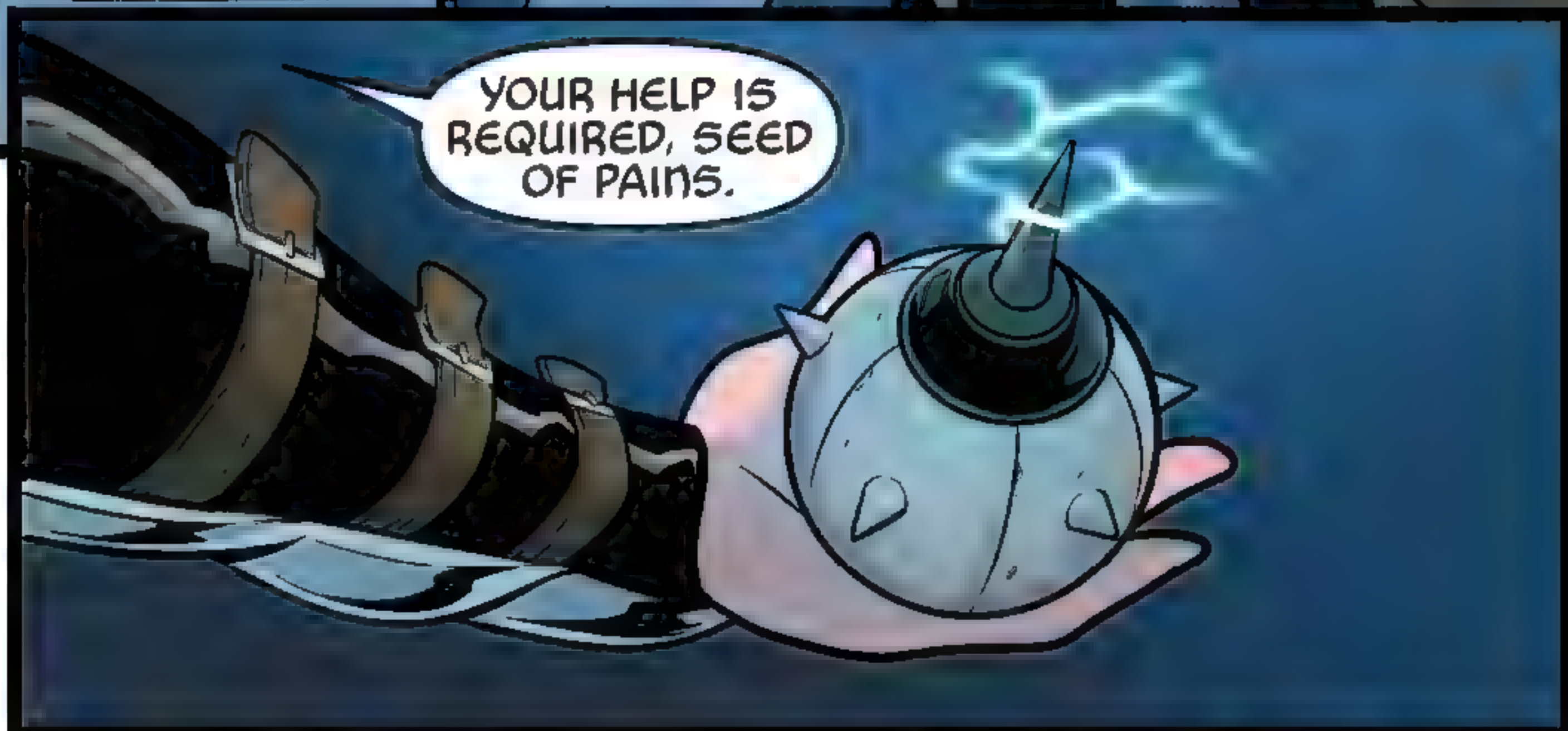
FWWSHHH

UH, HOW
LONG BEFORE IT
KICKS IN? BECAUSE
IT LOOKS LIKE THE
DUDE'S SUMMONED
UP SOME ACID
RAIN.

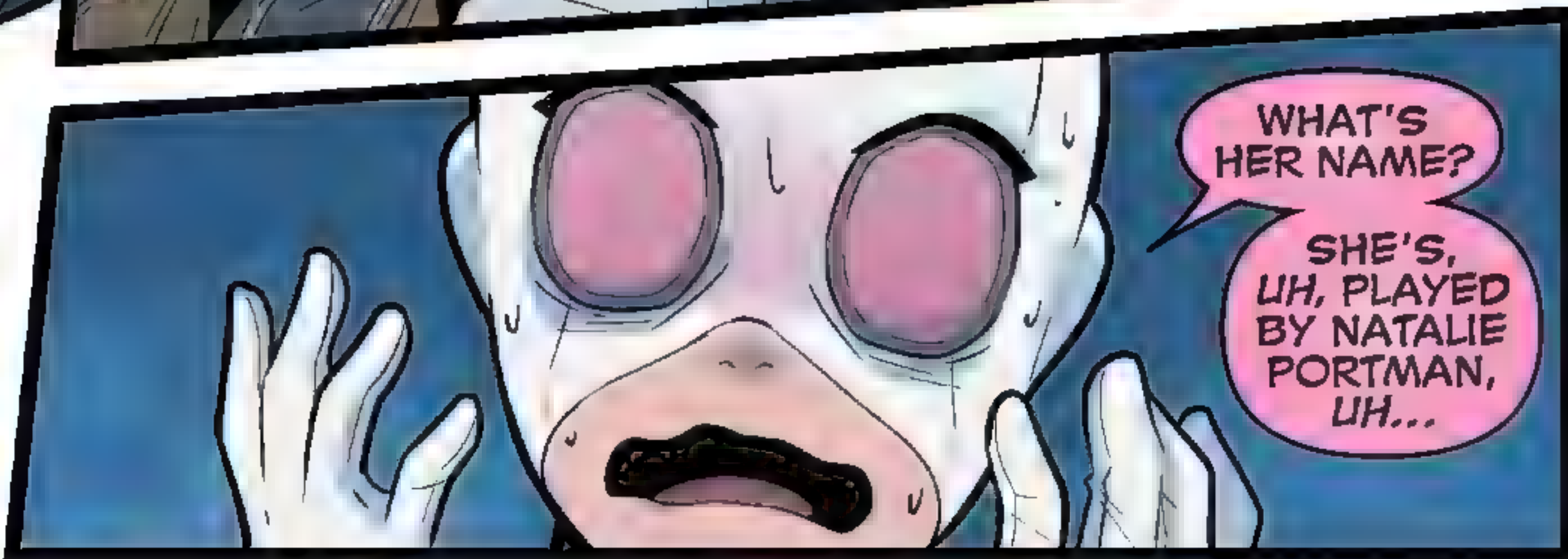
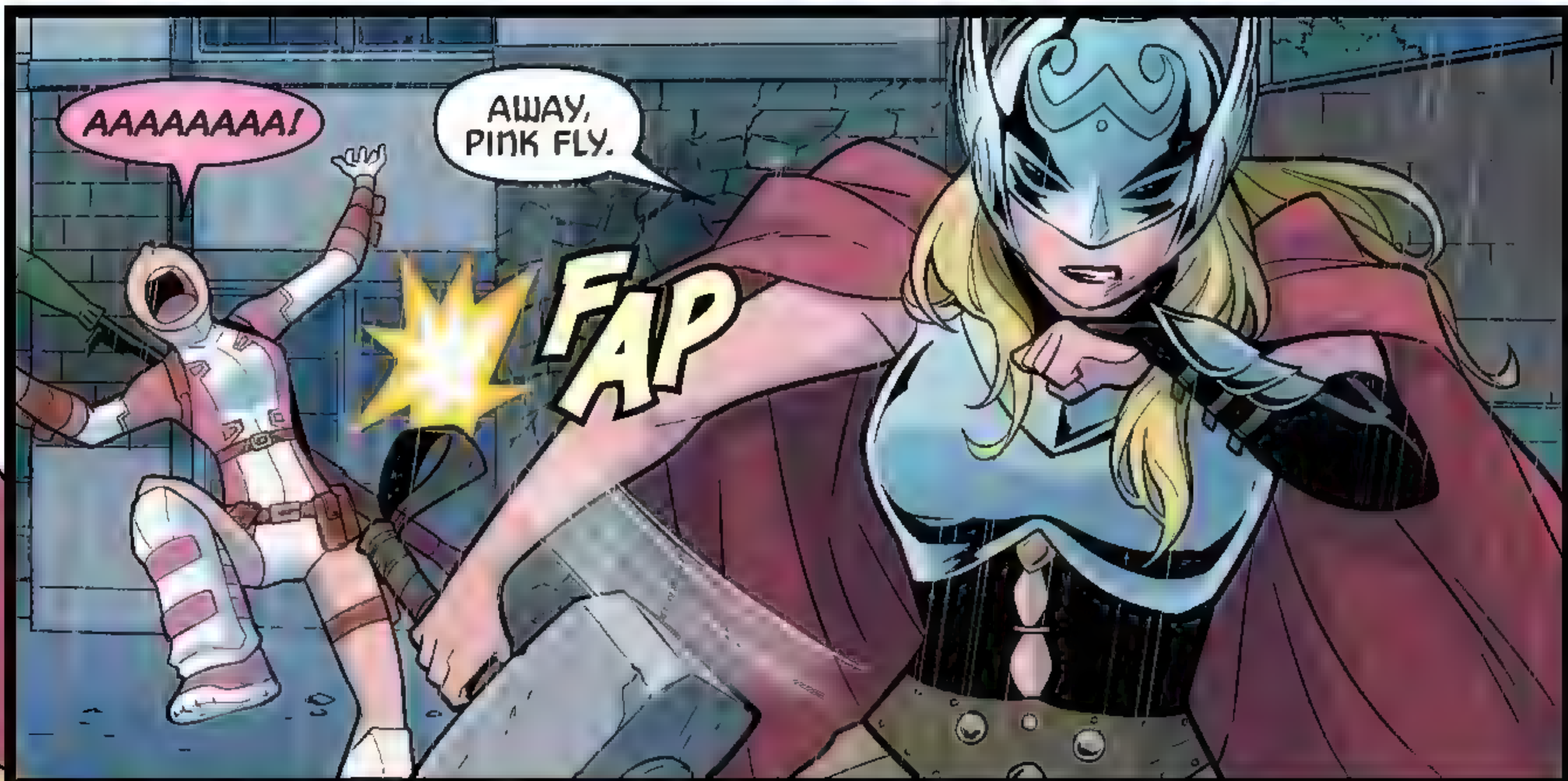
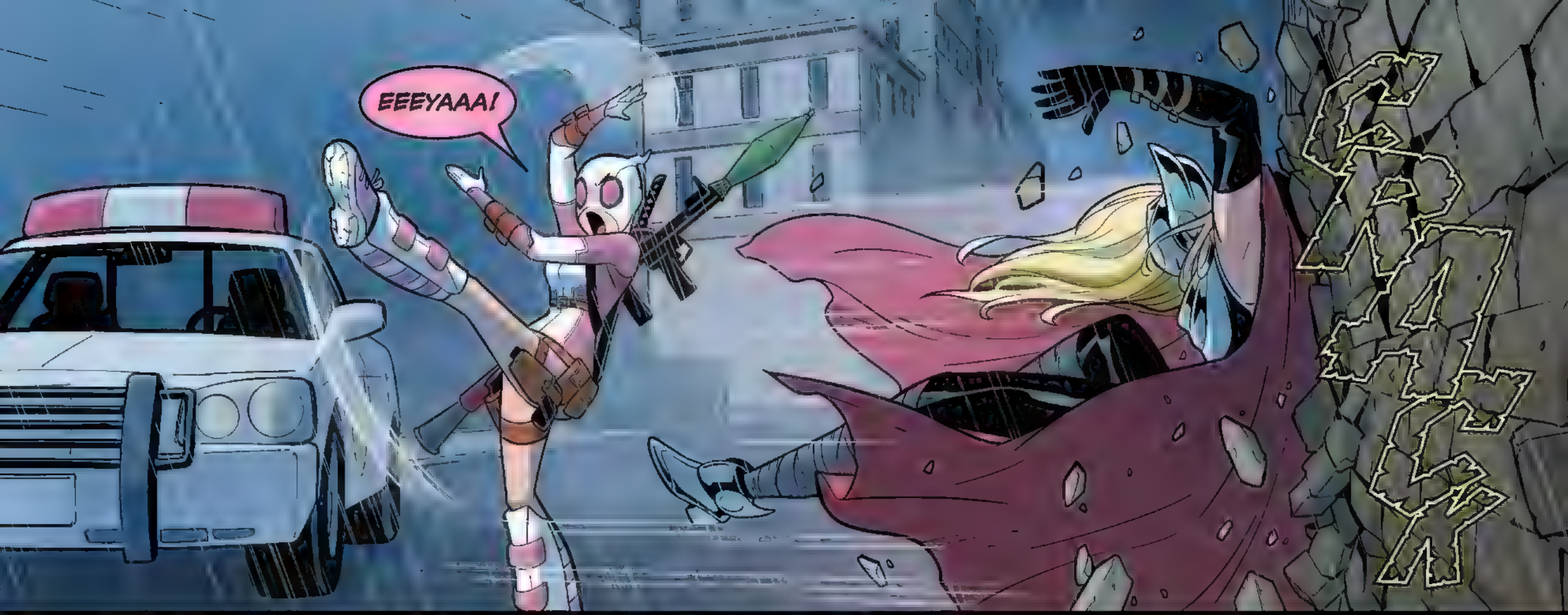
OR,
JUST REGULAR
RAIN?

HE DIDN'T
SUMMON THE
RAIN...

RAIN



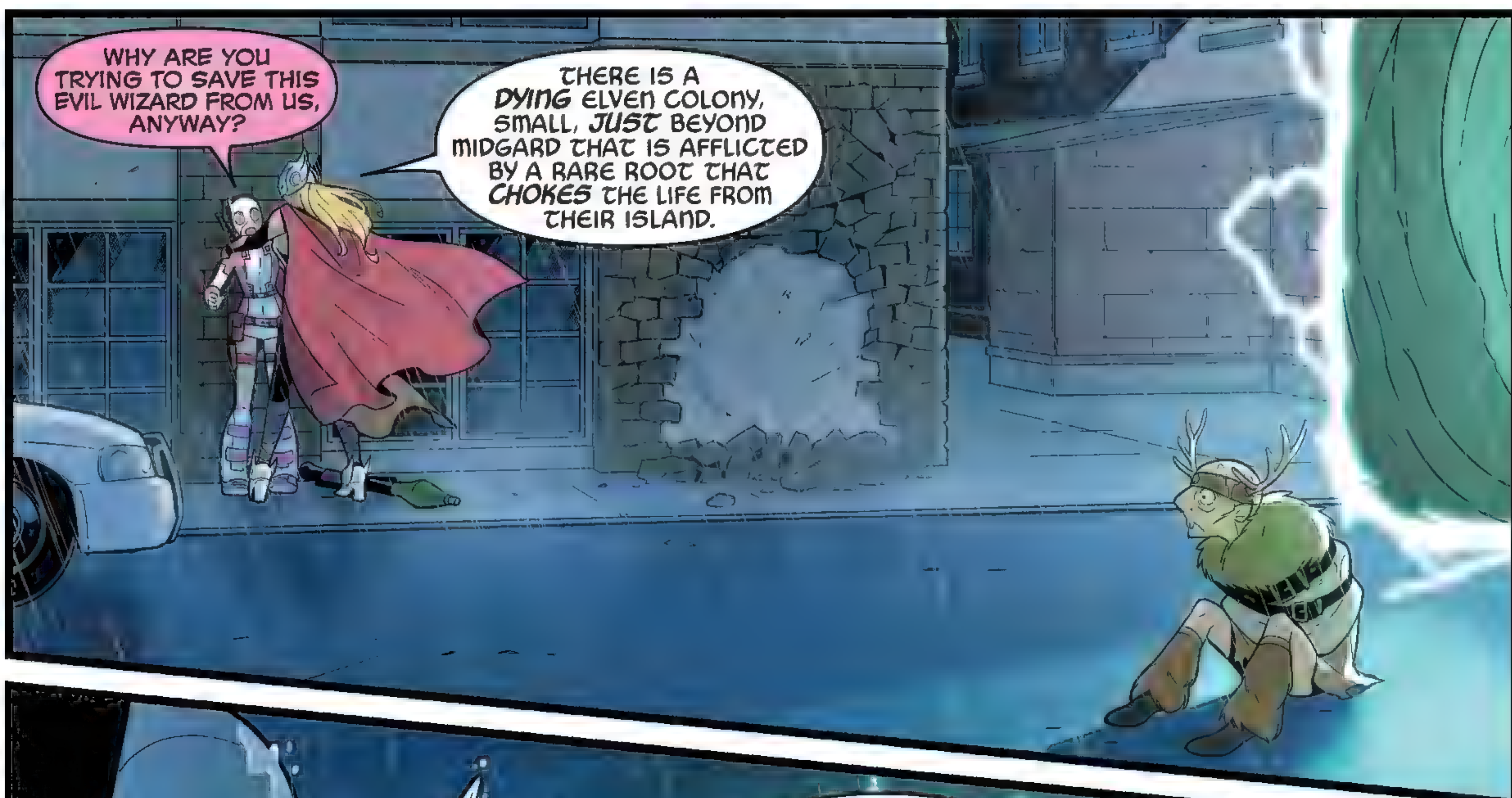






JANE!







WELL, IF I
SCREW THIS UP,
M.O.D.O.K. KILLS
ME. SO--

--SORRY
I DISTRACTED
YOU.

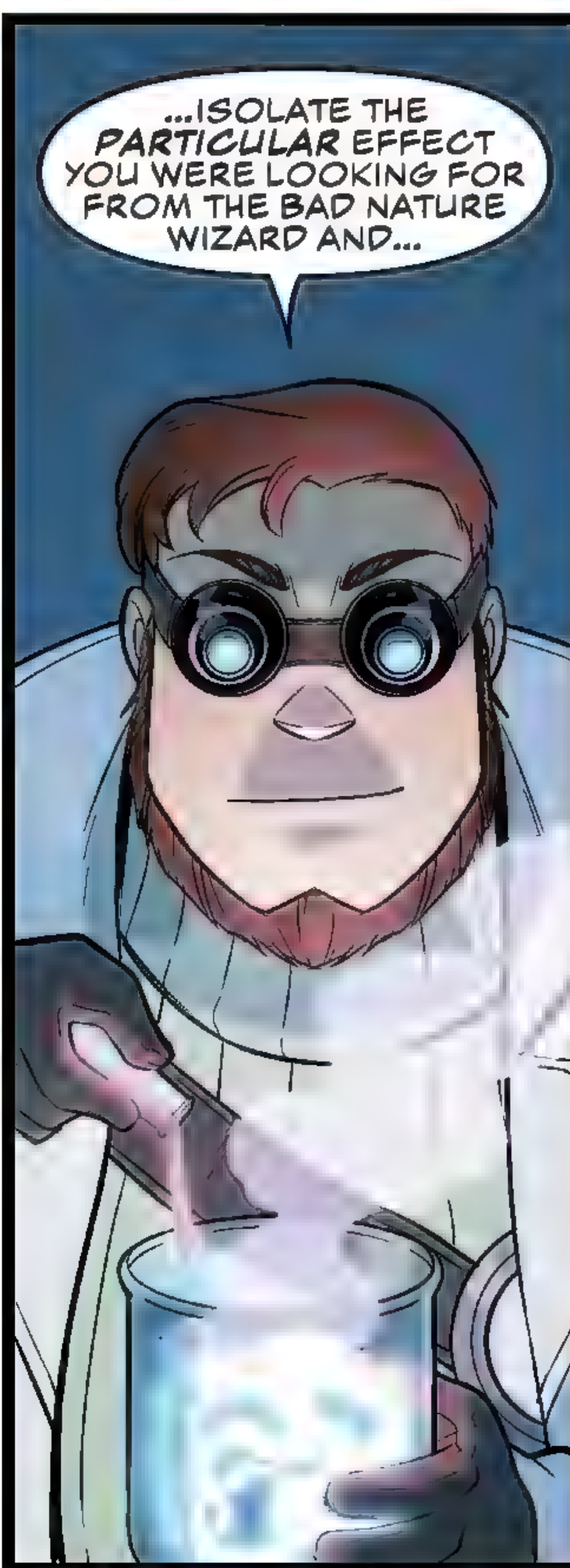
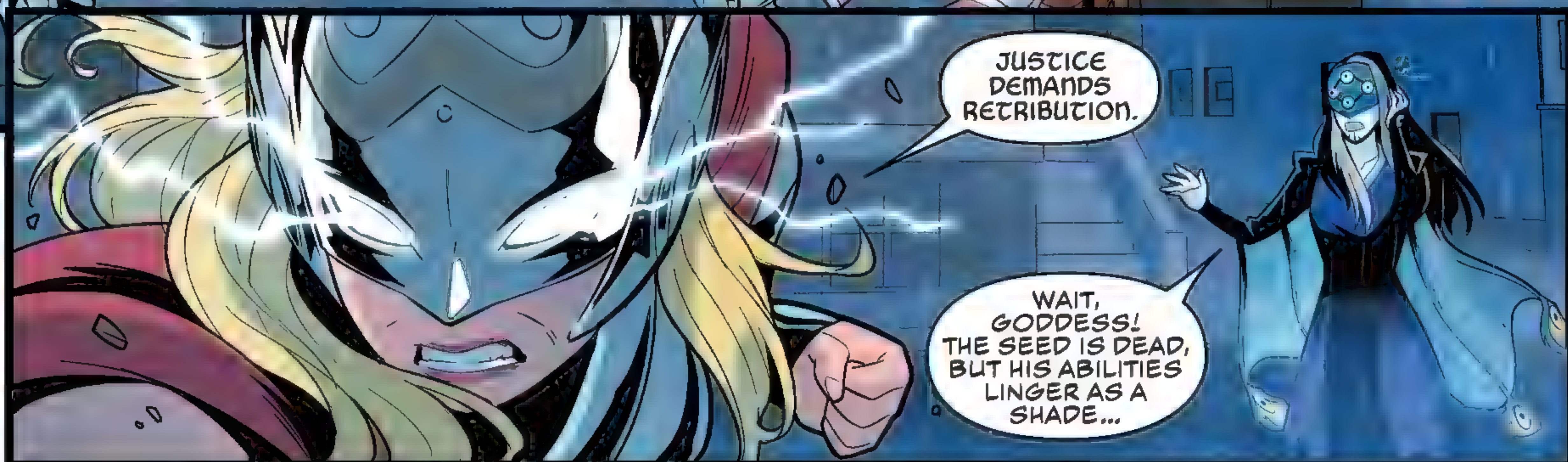
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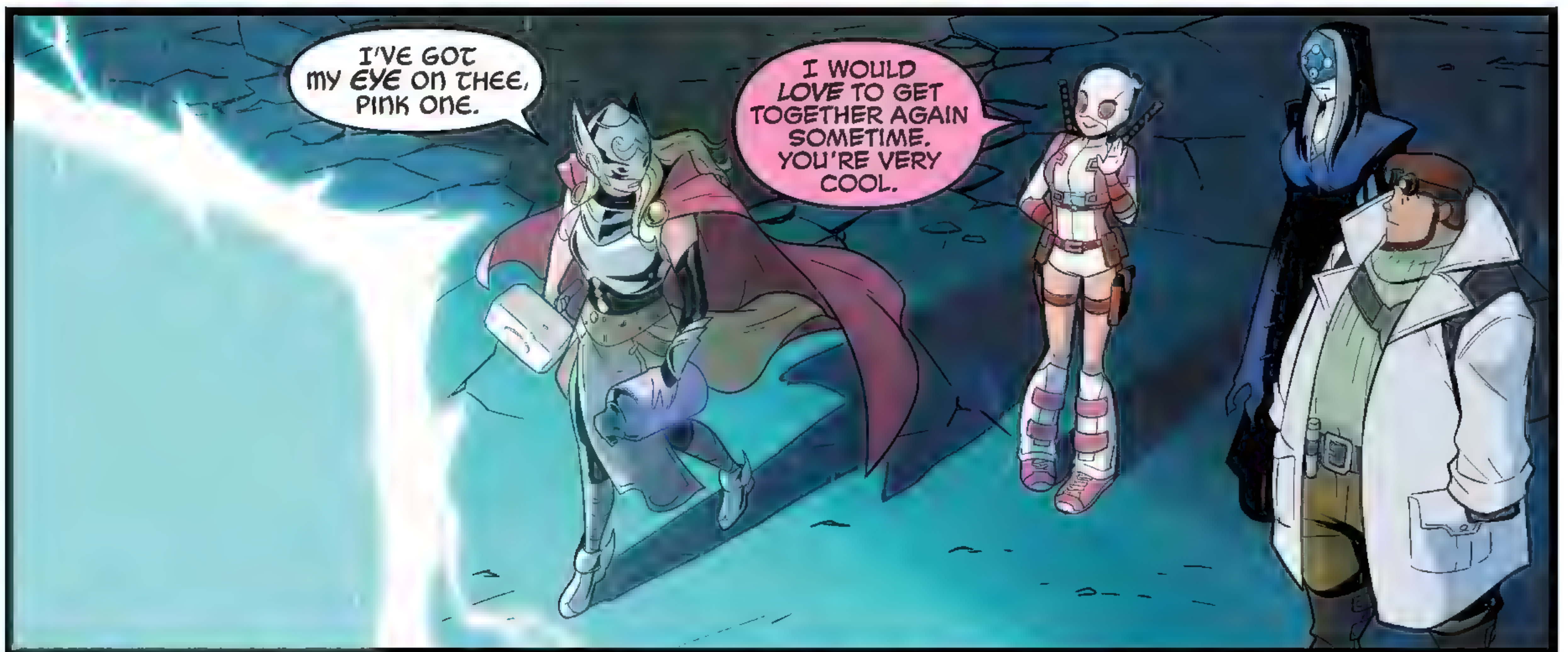
POOSH

YOU
F--

no!

BOOOOM



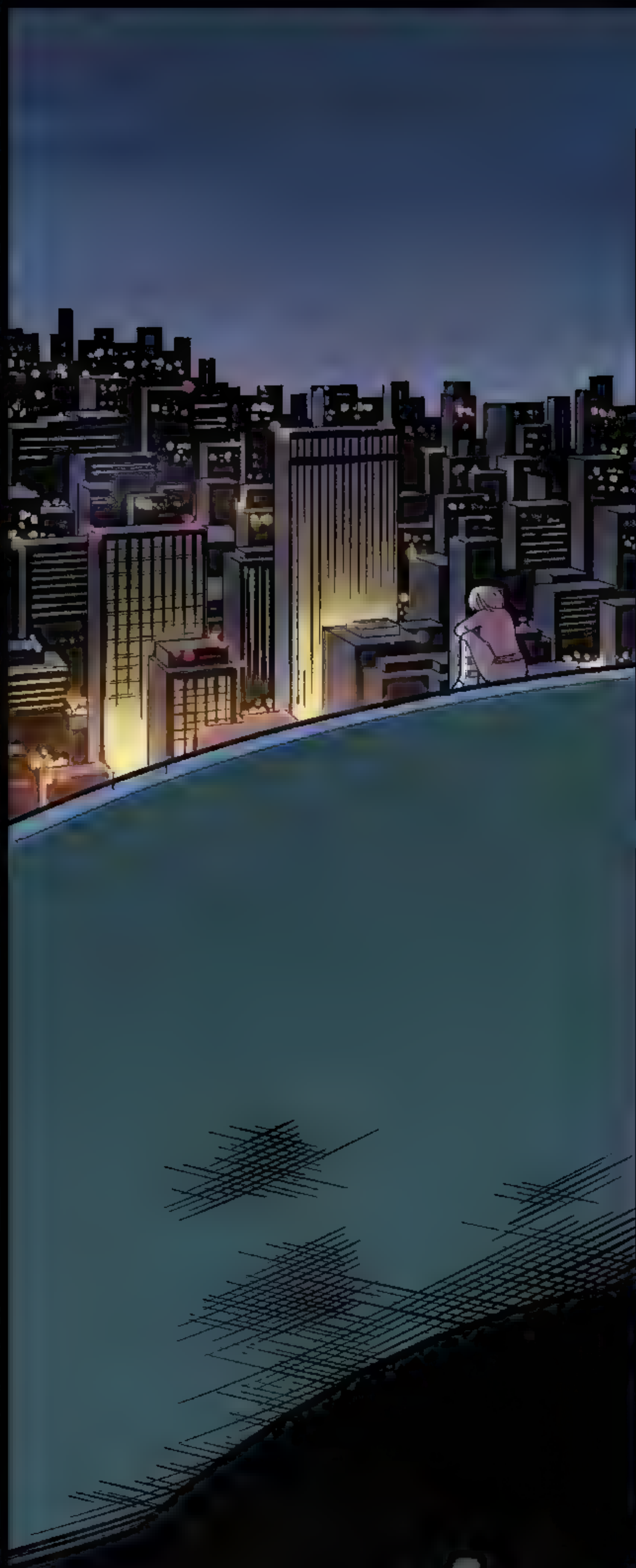




WELL
DONE, AGENTS
OF M.O.D.O.K.!
MISSION SUCCESS!
HERE, A CUSTOMARY
CELEBRATORY
GESTURE!

AM I
NOT A COOL
BOSS?

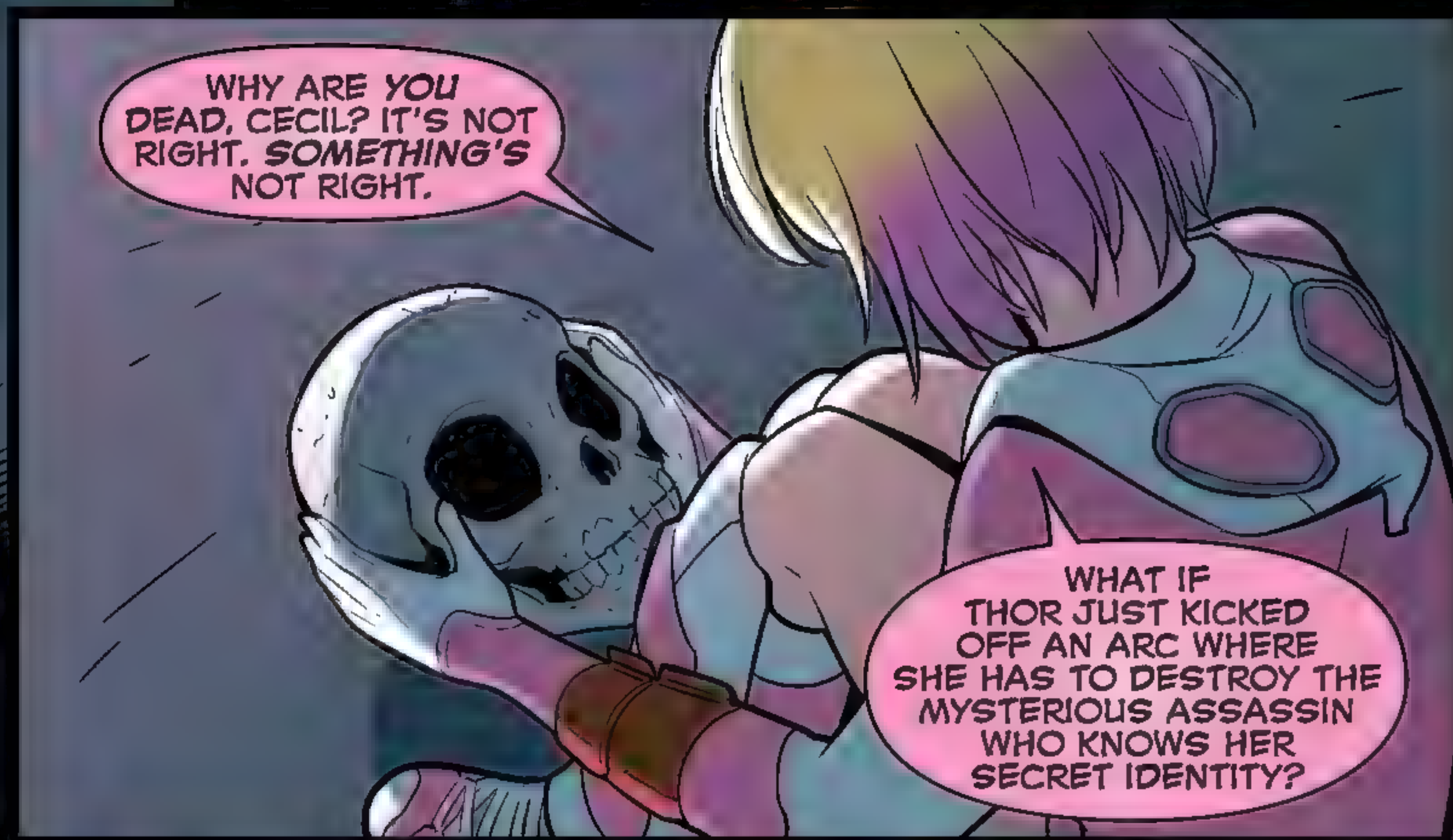
WHERE'S
POOLE?



WHAT AM
I DOING?

I'M THE HERO,
RIGHT? I'M IN COMIC
BOOK WORLD. I GOT A
COSTUME. SOMEONE'S
READING
THIS...

...THEN WHY
AM I A HENCHMAN
FOR M.O.D.O.K.?



WHY ARE YOU
DEAD, CECIL? IT'S NOT
RIGHT. SOMETHING'S
NOT RIGHT.

WHAT IF
THOR JUST KICKED
OFF AN ARC WHERE
SHE HAS TO DESTROY THE
MYSTERIOUS ASSASSIN
WHO KNOWS HER
SECRET IDENTITY?



WHY DID
I SAY THAT TO
HER? SHE ALMOST
KILLED ME.

NORMAL
PEOPLE BODIES
DON'T STAY PUT
TOGETHER
AGAINST THAT
HAMMER.



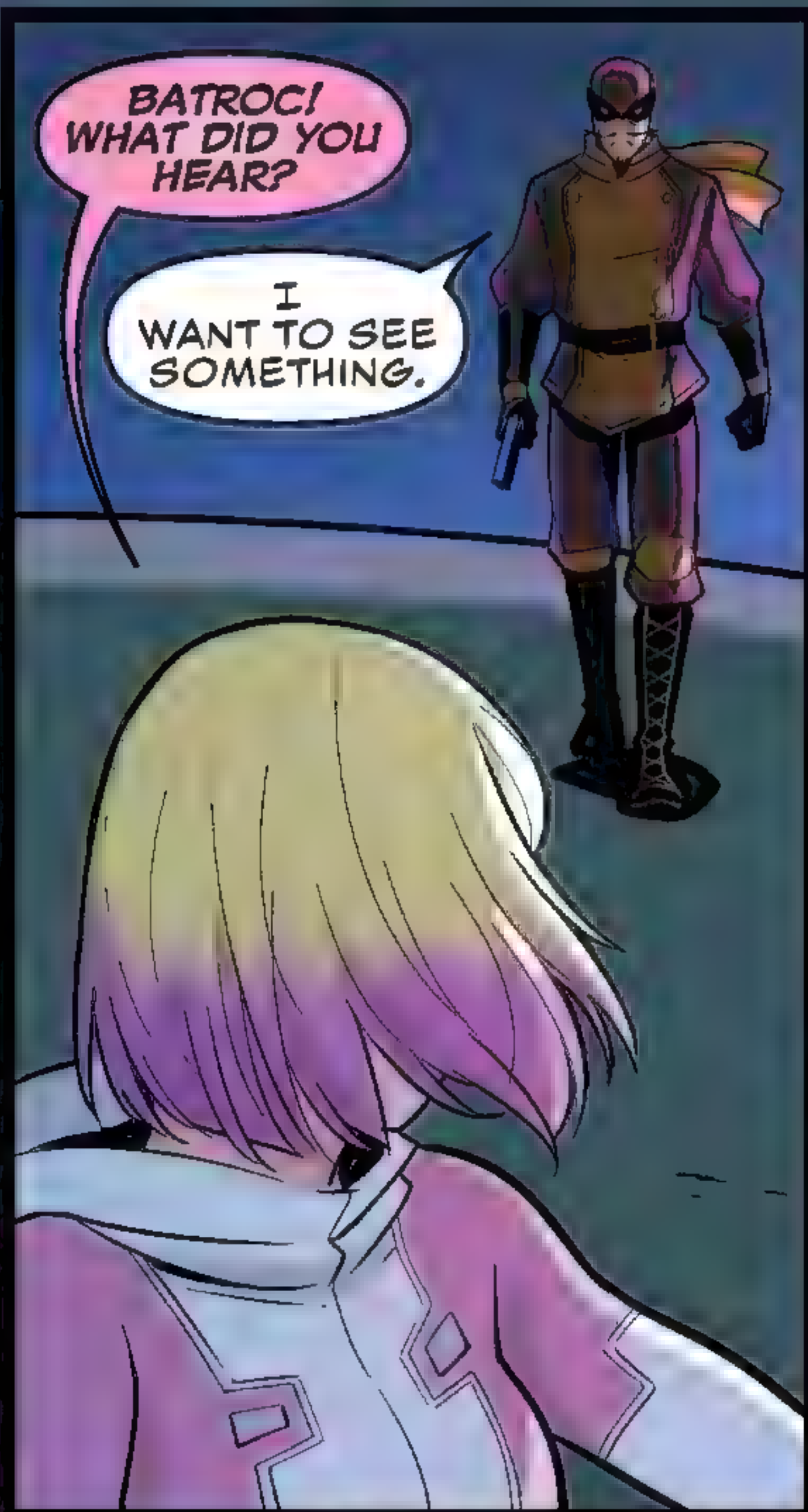
IF THIS IS ALL REAL, THEN I'M A NOBODY HERE.

AND M.O.D.O.K. WILL KILL ME.

HA. M.O.D.O.K.

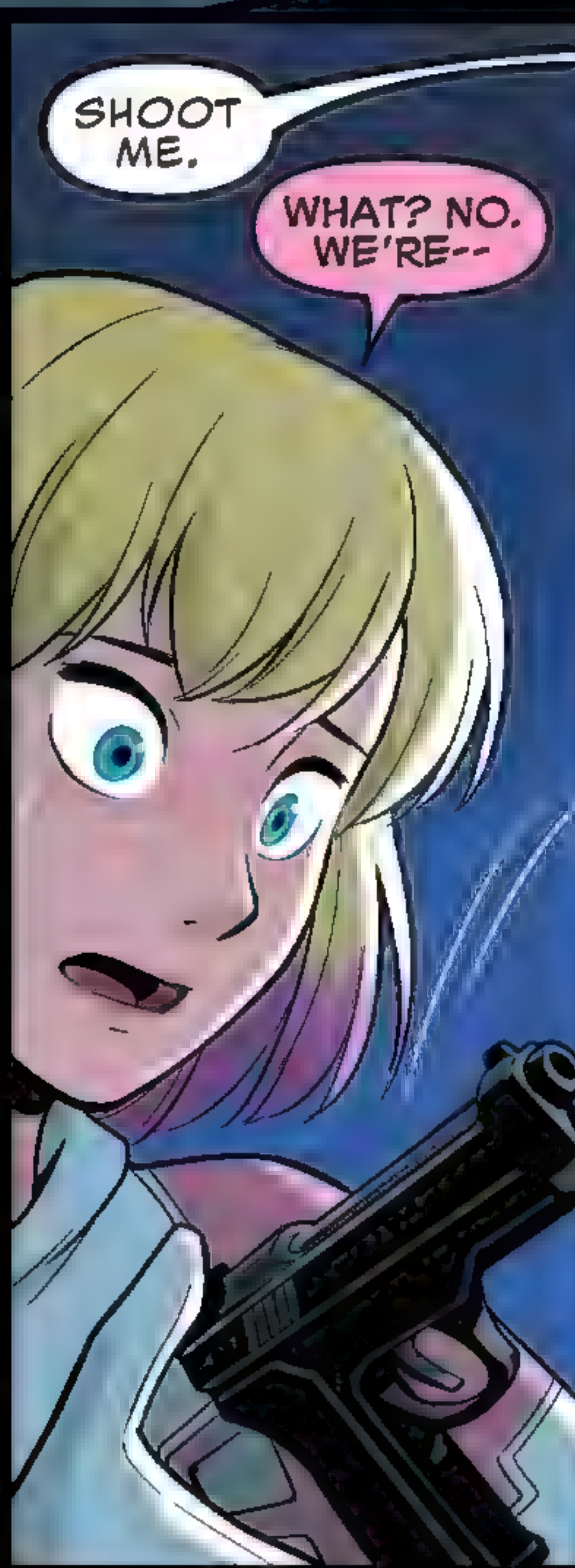
CAN'T EVEN GET A DOOM OR A GALACTUS...

COUGH



BATROCI! WHAT DID YOU HEAR?

I WANT TO SEE SOMETHING.



SHOOT ME.

WHAT? NO. WE'RE--



SHOOT ME.

OOF!

THUMP



FINE, SEVERAL BULLETS COMING UP, JUMP-POWER-DORK!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

OH, NO, YOU'VE KILLED A BIRD OR TWO FAR IN THE DISTANCE. PERHAPS YOUR MARTIAL ARTS SKILLS, THEN.



DEFEND YOURSELF! ALLONS-Y!

YAAAAA!

THUMP



YOU
CANNOT SHOOT.
YOU CANNOT FIGHT.
NO POWERS TO
SPEAK OF.

I CAN
EXPLAIN--

YOU
COMPROMISED
OUR MISSION WITH
YOUR FOOLISHNESS.
YOU ARE A
FRAUD.

AND I'M
GOING TO TELL
ON YOU.

3



THE MOBILE HQ OF M.O.D.O.K.*

THE MERCENARY ORGANIZATION
DEDICATED ONLY TO KILLING.

NO NO
NO NO NO
NO!

I REFUSE TO ENTER INTO DEADLY
COMBAT WITH AN INCOMPETENT
POSEUR AT MY
SIDE!

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT GAME
YOU THINK YOU ARE IN,
BUT BATROC IS NOT YOUR
PLAYER 2. I AM TELLING
M.O.D.O.K. HE WAS
MISTAKEN TO
HIRE YOU.

YOU HEARD
HIM! IF HE THINKS
I'M NOT HOT TOOTS
McSHOOT'S FOR, LIKE,
HALF A SECOND, HE'S
GONNA LASER ME
TO DUST!

THIS IS NOT
MY PROBLEM.
YOU ARE A
LIABILITY.

OKAY, STOP.
YOU WANT TO KNOW
MY "POWER"?

I KNOW
EVERYONE'S
SECRETS.

TRUE
IDENTITIES. HIDDEN
PLANS. WIFI
PASSWORDS.*

EVERYTHING.

*OKAY, THIS ONE DOESN'T
ACTUALLY SHOW UP IN THE COMICS
I'VE READ SO MUCH. -GWEN



AH, YOU ARE A TELEPATH? THEN WHAT AM I THINKING?

NO. I'M FROM A WORLD WHERE ALL OF YOU ARE COMIC BOOK CHARACTERS.

AND I'VE READ A LOT OF COMIC BOOKS, MY DUDE.



GOODBYE, GWEN. ONE WOMAN UTTERING CRAZED NONSENSE IS PLENTY FOR ZE TEAM.

IF ROCKS ARE SO OFFENDED BY WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THEM, THEN THEY SHOULD SPEAK UP ABOUT IT!

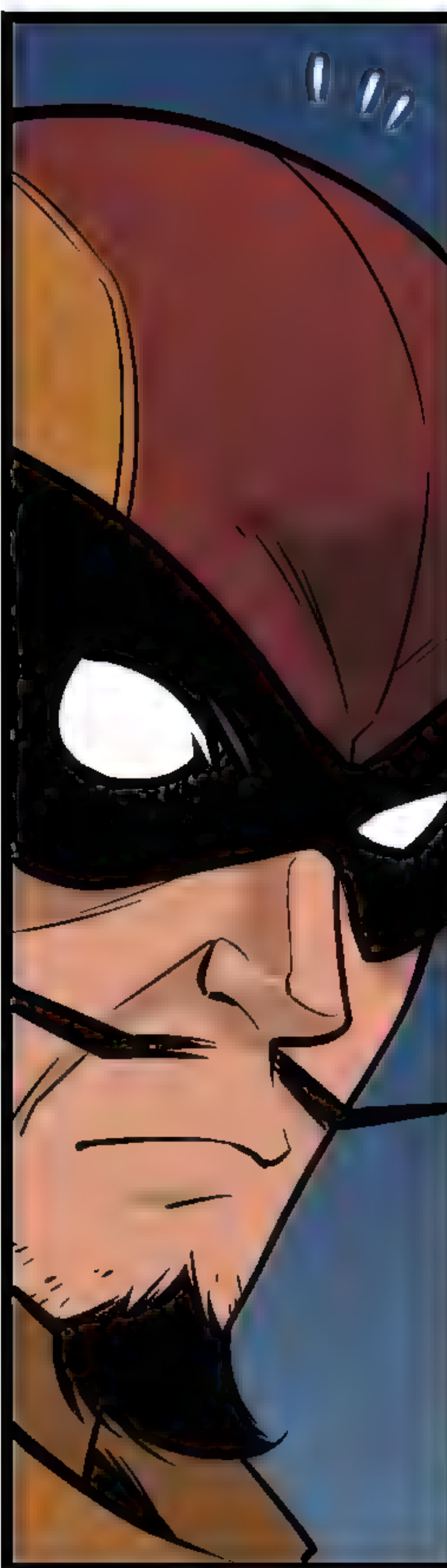
...SORRY?

I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU, TONY!



NO. LISTEN. THAT'S HOW I STOPPED THOR. I...

...SAID SOMETHING ONLY SHE KNOWS.



THAT IS VERY INTERESTING. PROVE IT.

OKAY. LET'S SEE.

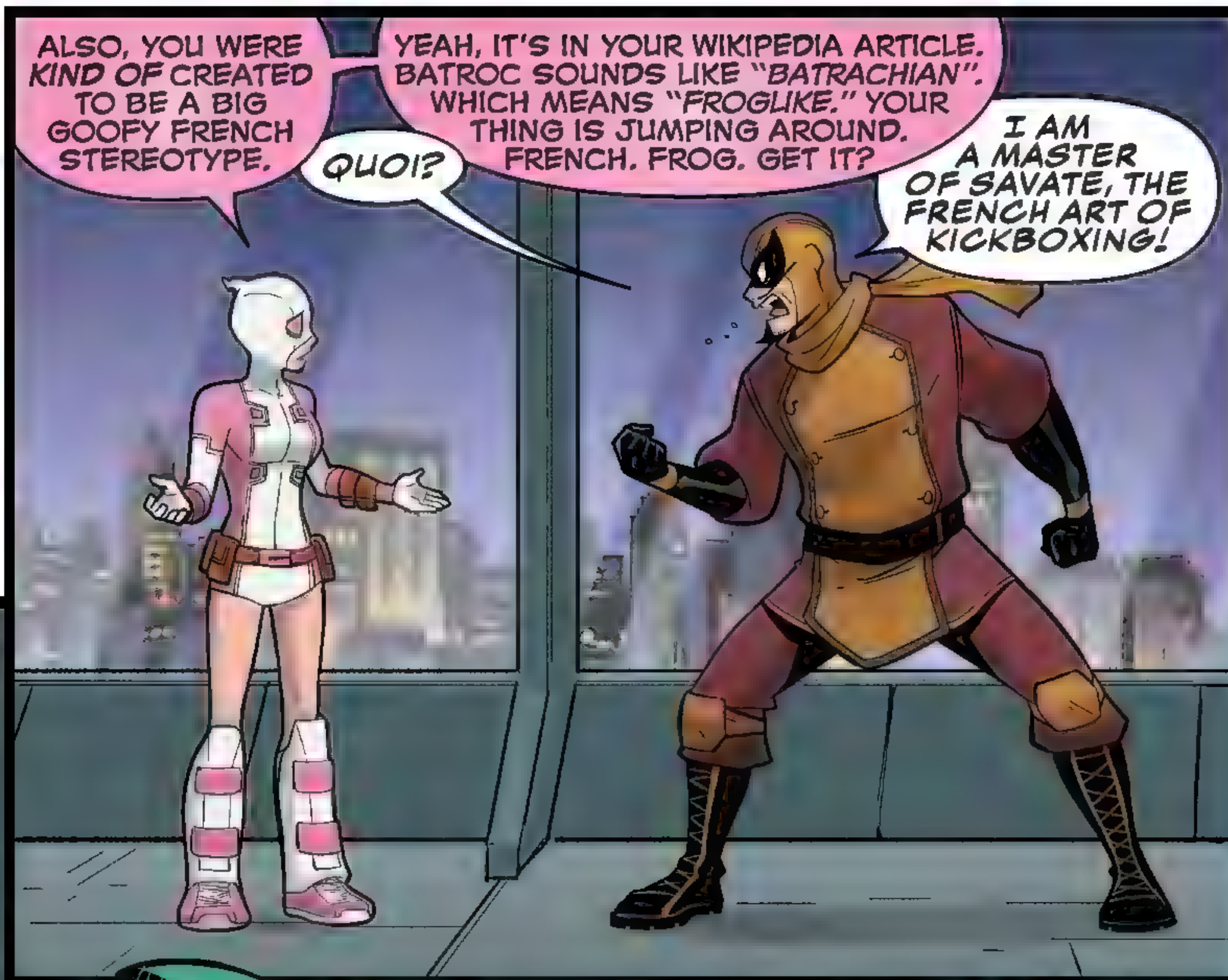
YOU DON'T REMEMBER MUCH ABOUT YOUR LIFE BEFORE YOUR FIRST FIGHT WITH CAPTAIN AMERICA.

WHAT? OF COURSE I...



HM.
WELL,
THAT'S
ODD.

YOU
DIDN'T EXIST
BEFORE THAT.
IT'S YOUR FIRST
APPEARANCE.

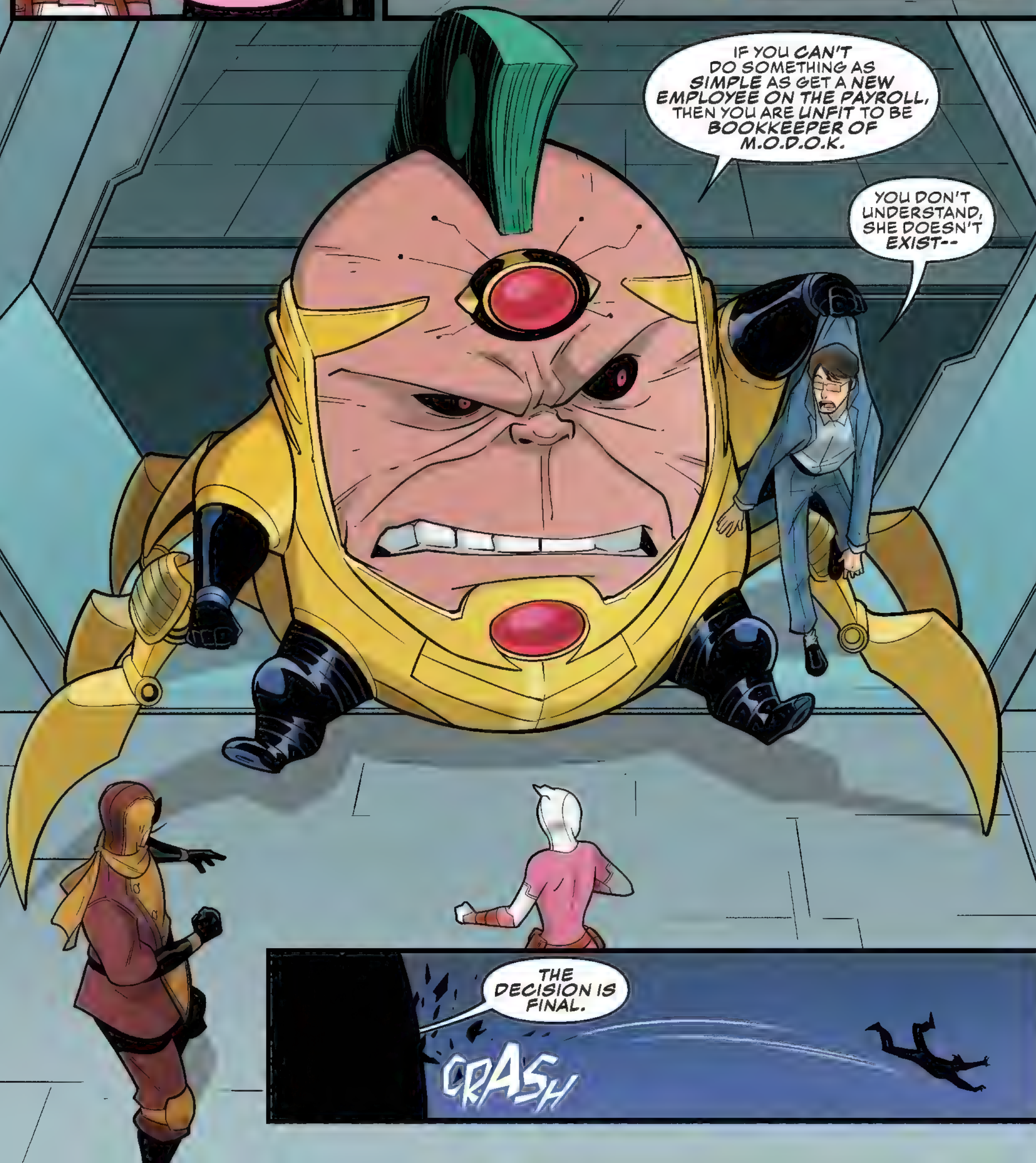


ALSO, YOU WERE
KIND OF CREATED
TO BE A BIG
GOOFY FRENCH
STEREOTYPE.

QUOI?

YEAH, IT'S IN YOUR WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE.
BATROC SOUNDS LIKE "BATRACHIAN",
WHICH MEANS "FROGLIKE." YOUR
THING IS JUMPING AROUND.
FRENCH. FROG. GET IT?

I AM
A MASTER
OF SAVATE, THE
FRENCH ART OF
KICKBOXING!

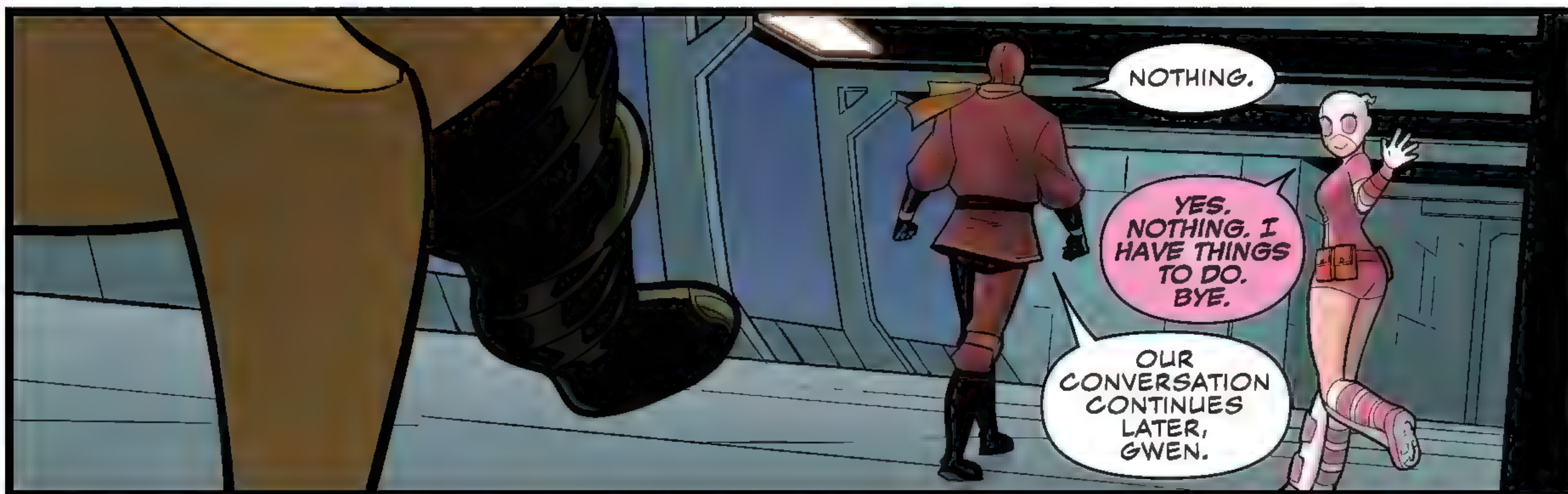
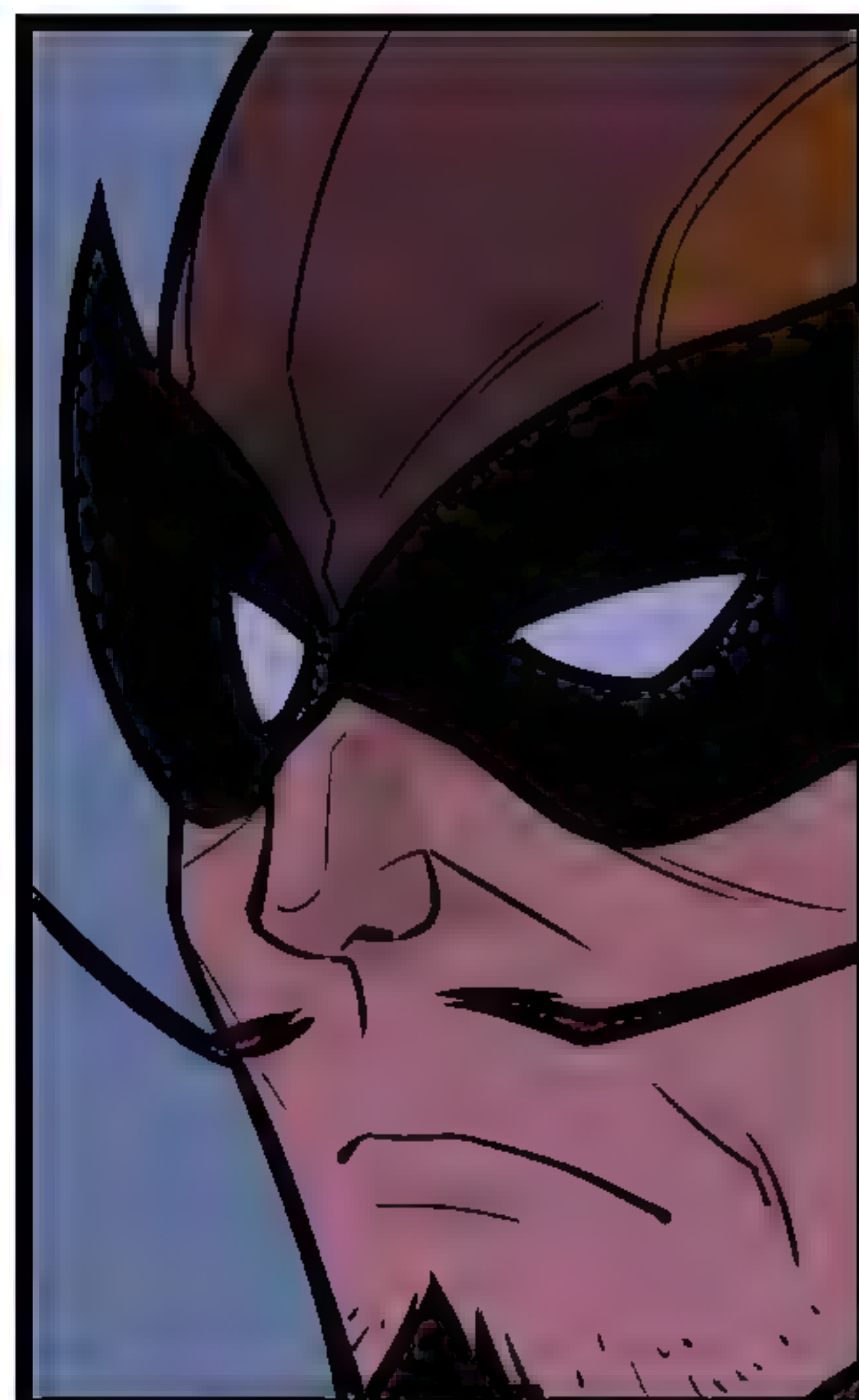
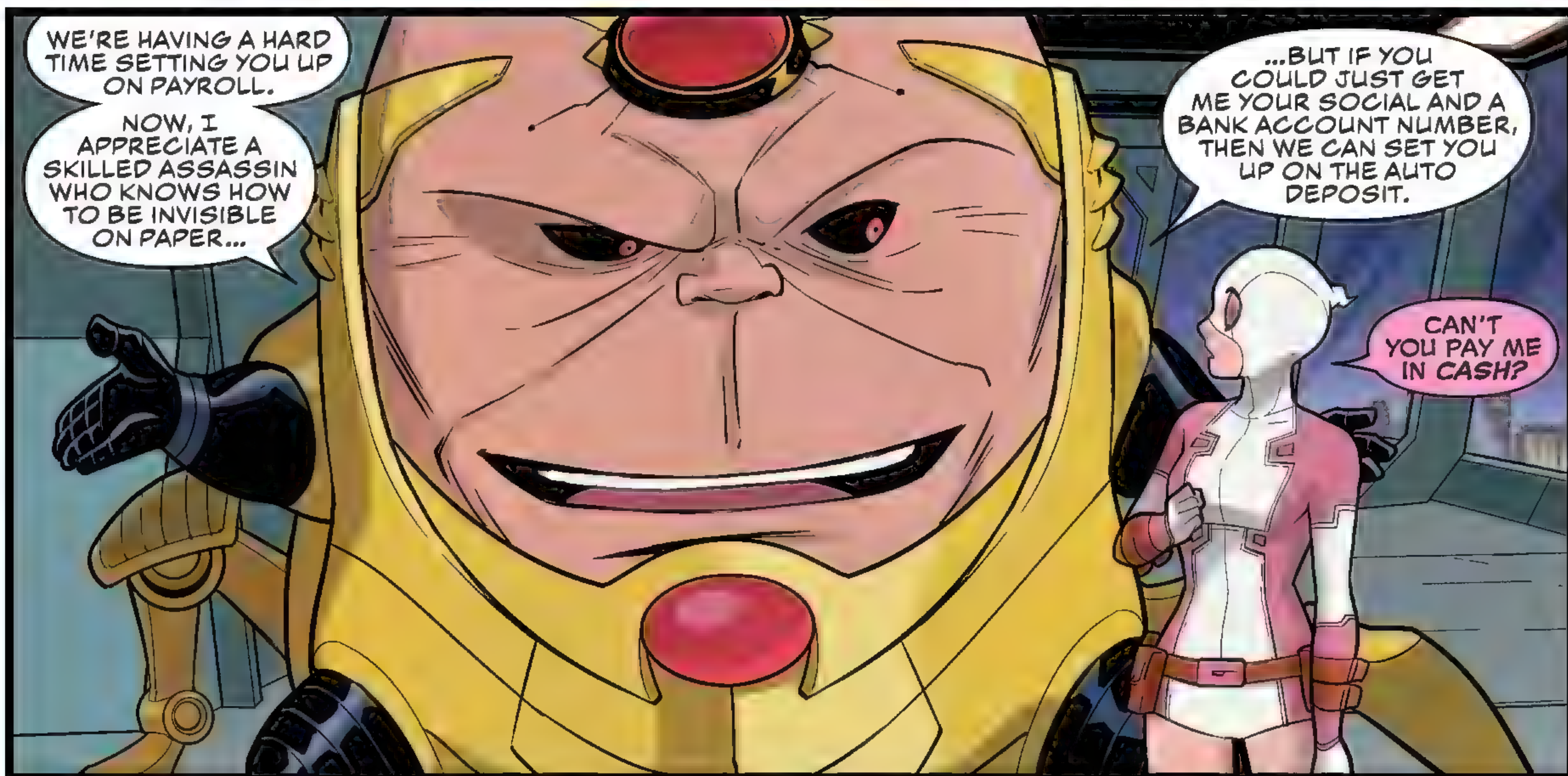
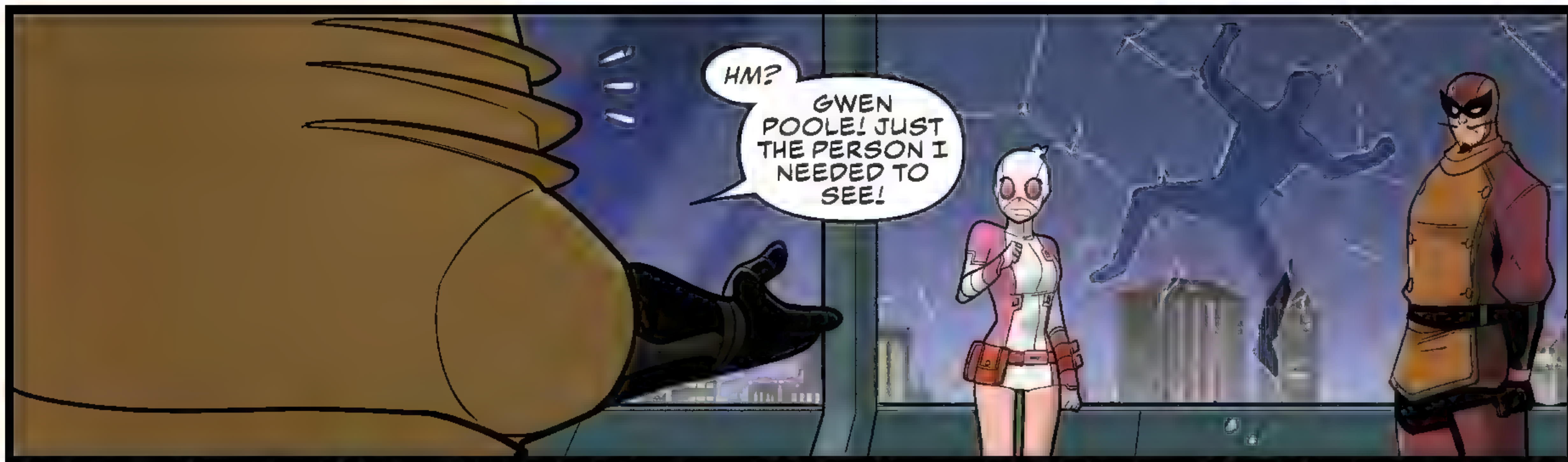


IF YOU CAN'T
DO SOMETHING AS
SIMPLE AS GET A NEW
EMPLOYEE ON THE PAYROLL,
THEN YOU ARE UNFIT TO BE
BOOKKEEPER OF
M.O.D.O.K.

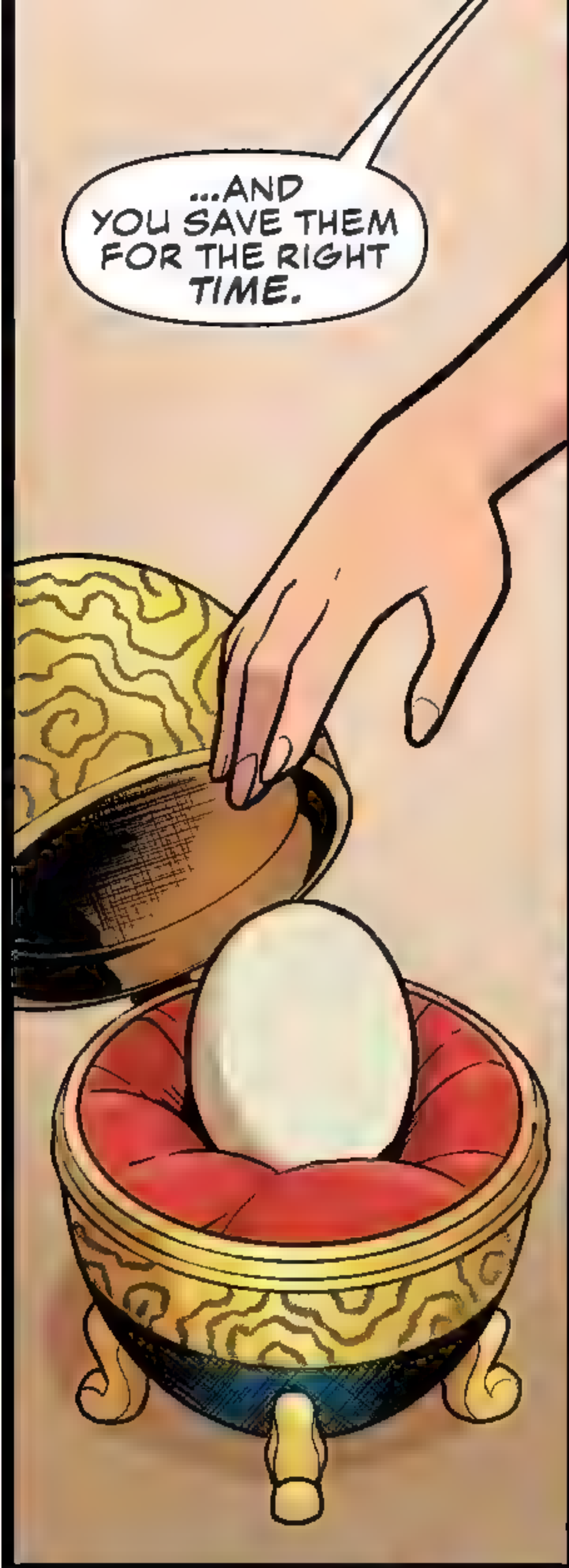
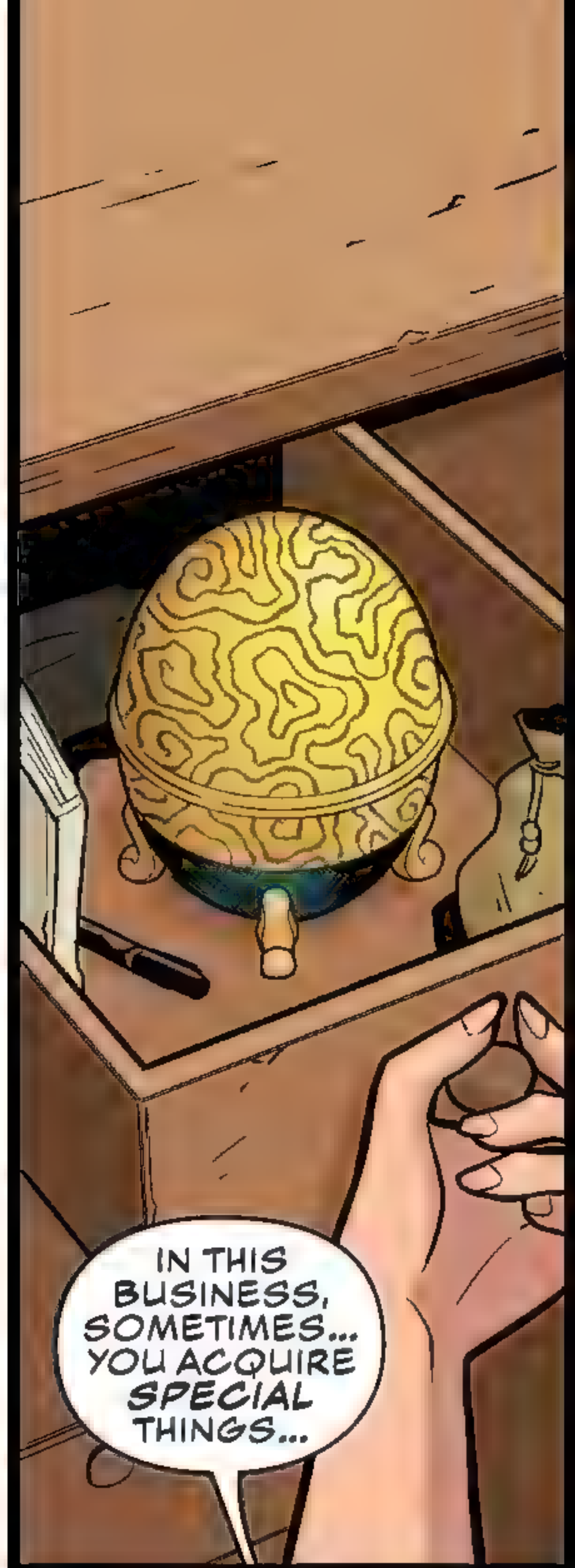
YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND,
SHE DOESN'T
EXIST--

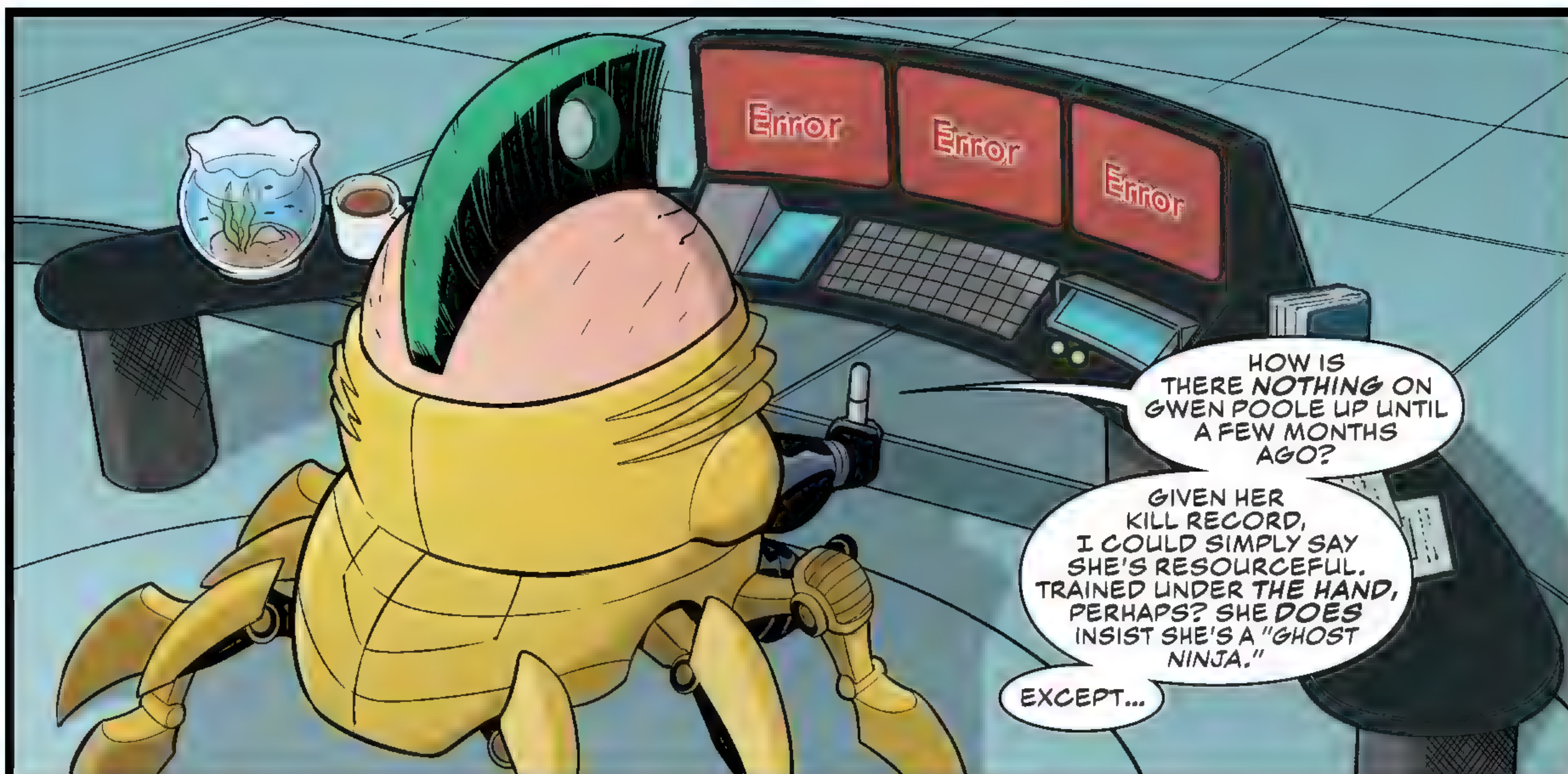
THE
DECISION IS
FINAL.

CRASH





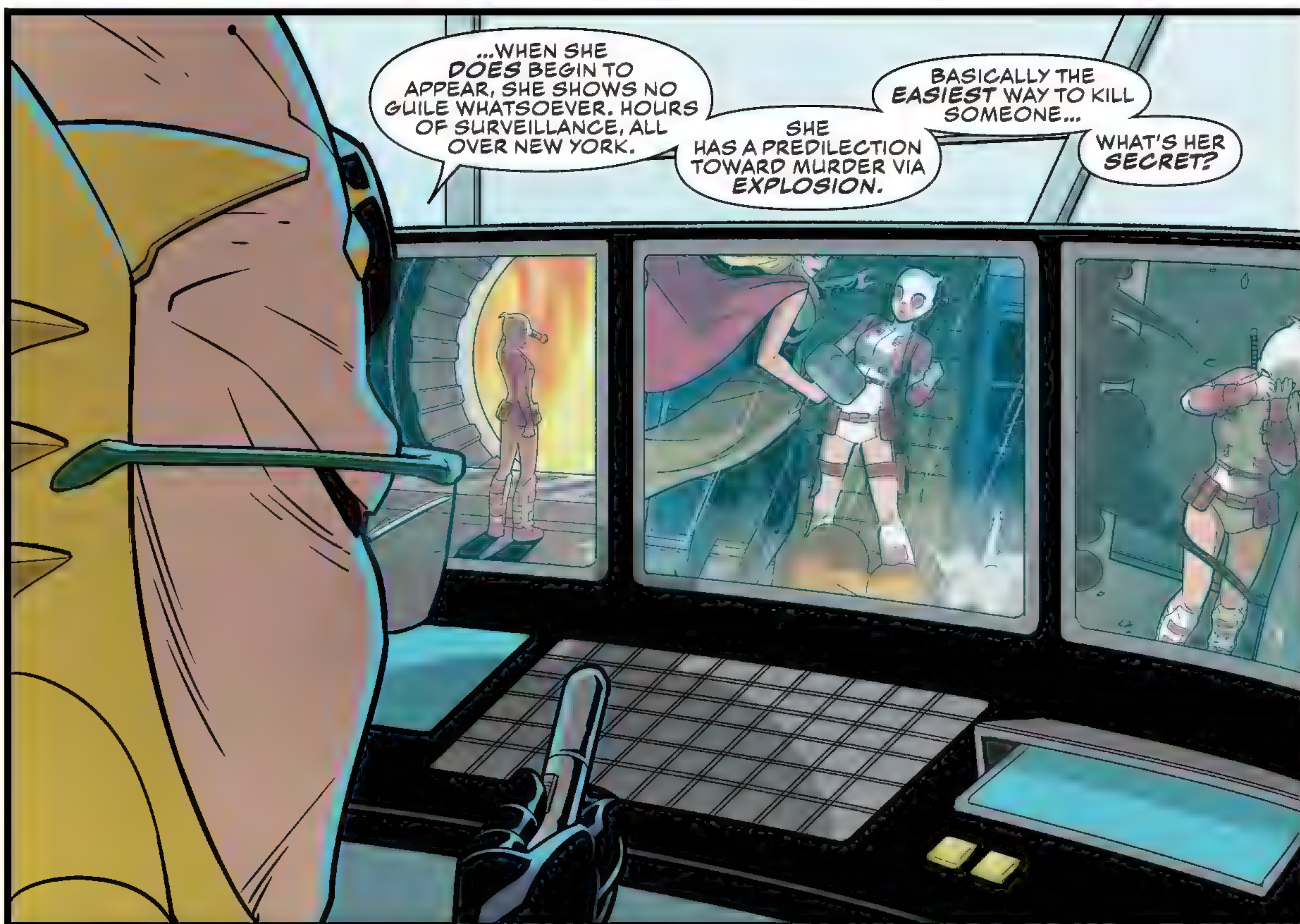




HOW IS THERE NOTHING ON GWEN POOLE UP UNTIL A FEW MONTHS AGO?

GIVEN HER KILL RECORD, I COULD SIMPLY SAY SHE'S RESOURCEFUL, TRAINED UNDER THE HAND, PERHAPS? SHE DOES INSIST SHE'S A "GHOST NINJA."

EXCEPT...

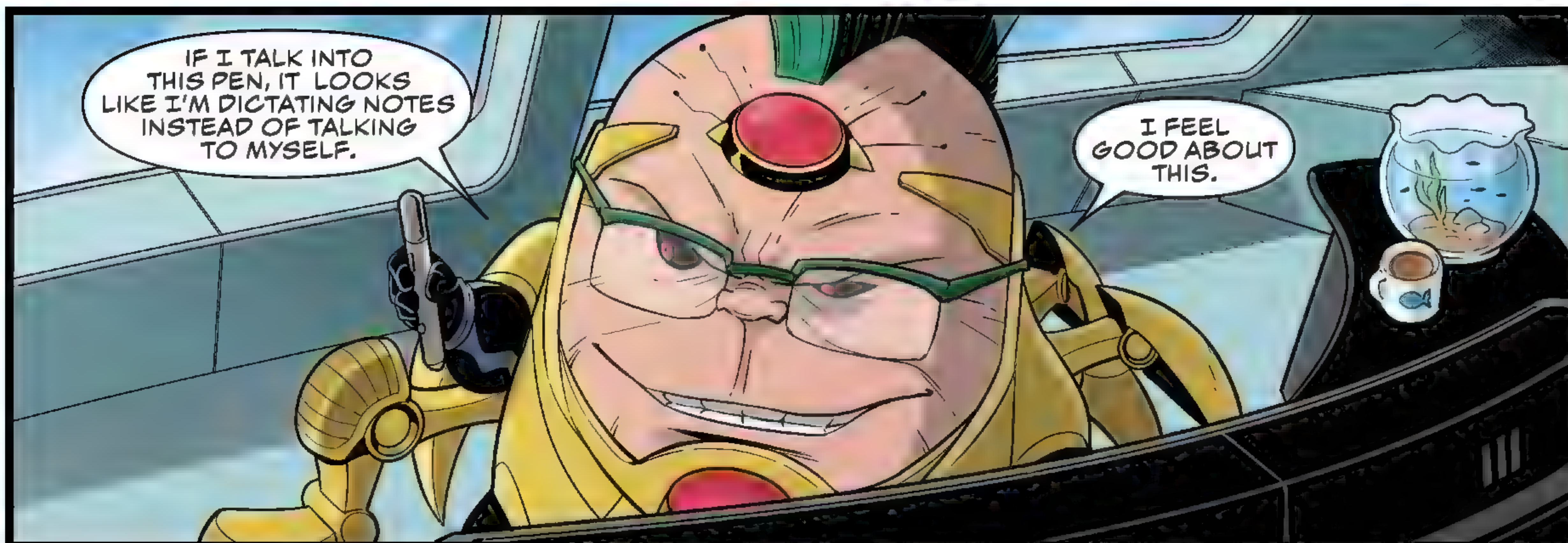


...WHEN SHE DOES BEGIN TO APPEAR, SHE SHOWS NO GUILE WHATSOEVER. HOURS OF SURVEILLANCE, ALL OVER NEW YORK.

SHE HAS A PREDILECTION TOWARD MURDER VIA EXPLOSION.

BASICALLY THE EASIEST WAY TO KILL SOMEONE...

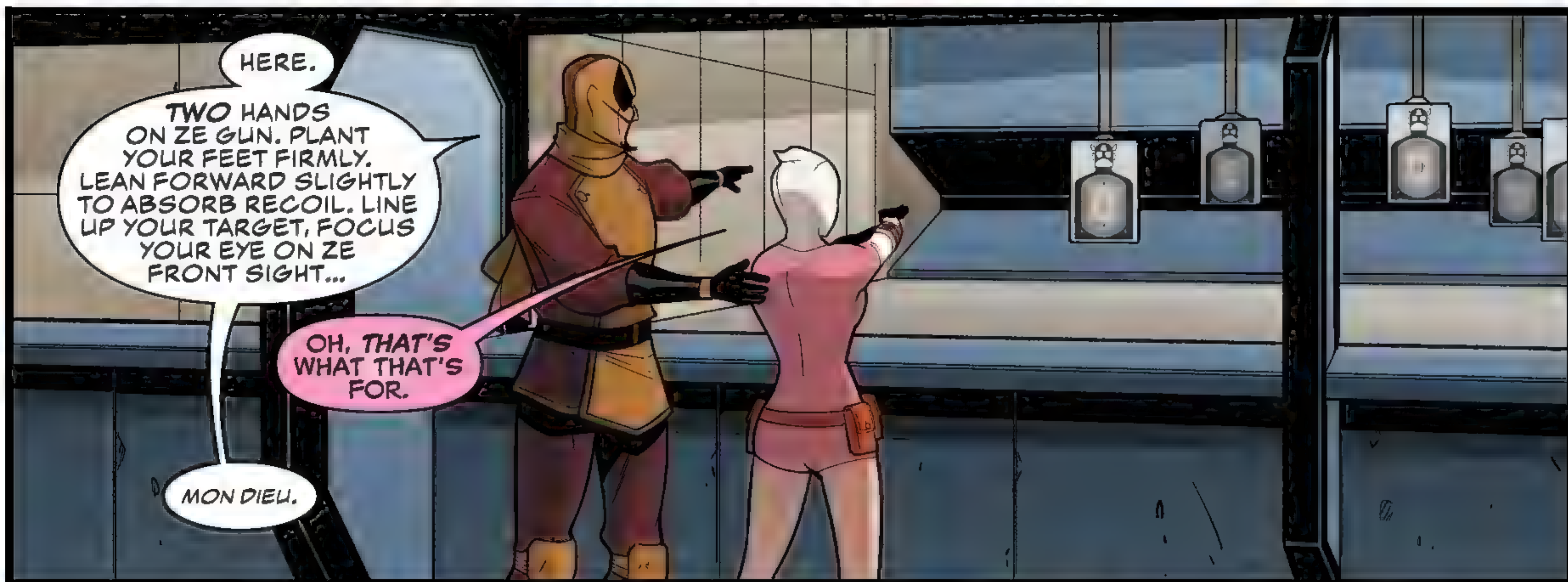
WHAT'S HER SECRET?

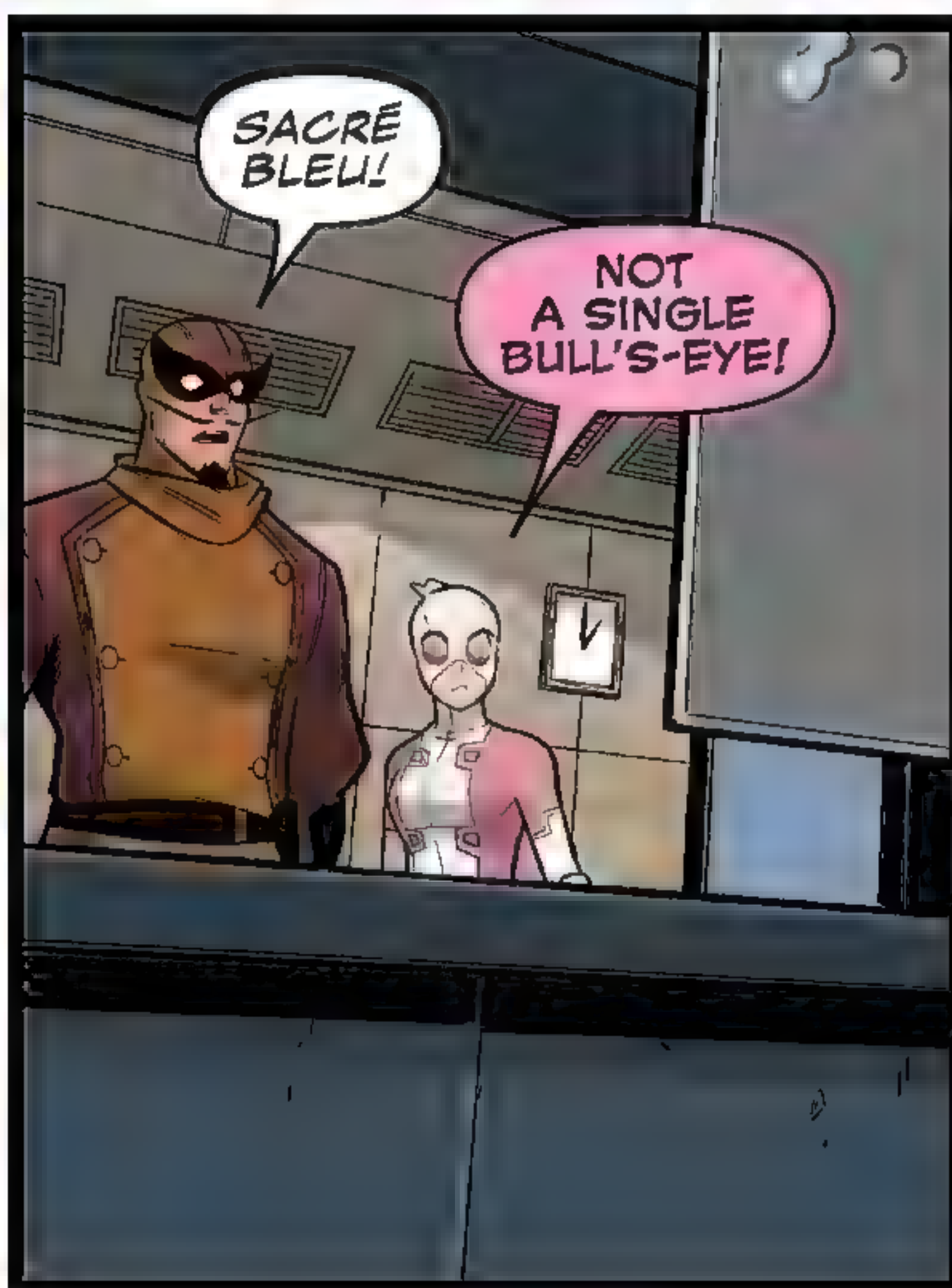
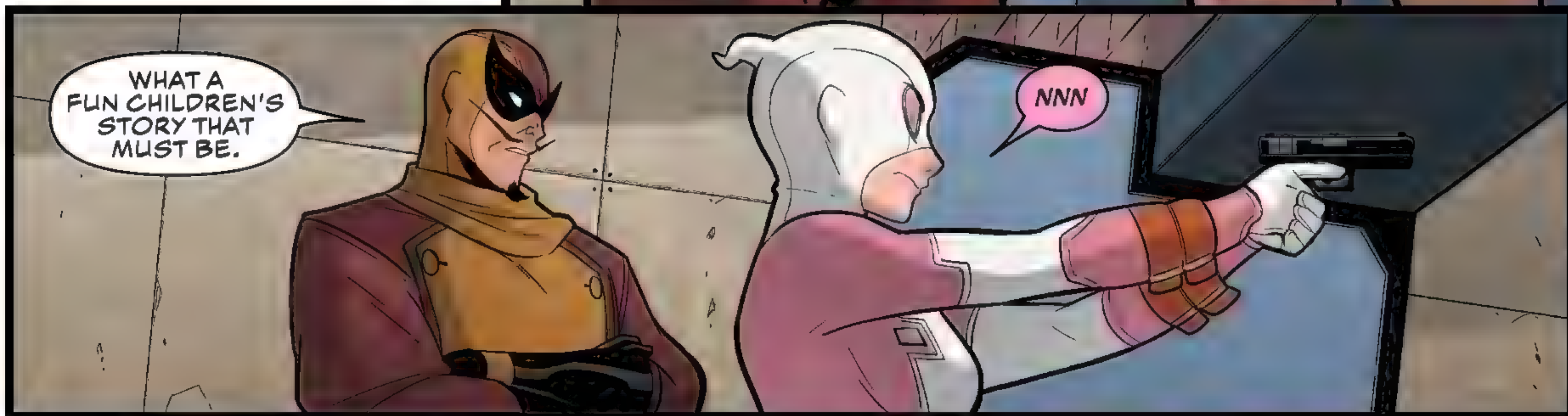


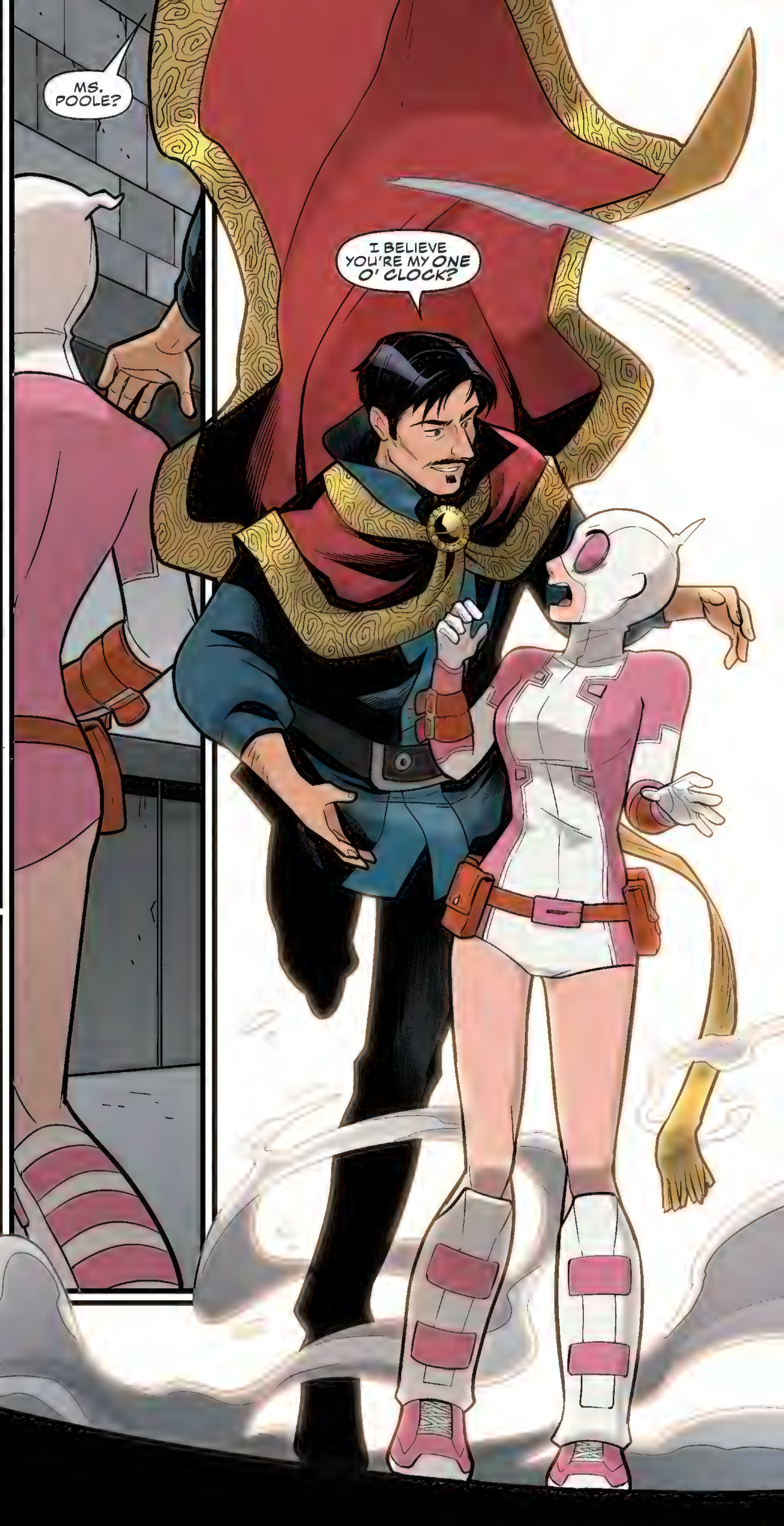
IF I TALK INTO THIS PEN, IT LOOKS LIKE I'M DICTATING NOTES INSTEAD OF TALKING TO MYSELF.

I FEEL GOOD ABOUT THIS.

BANG







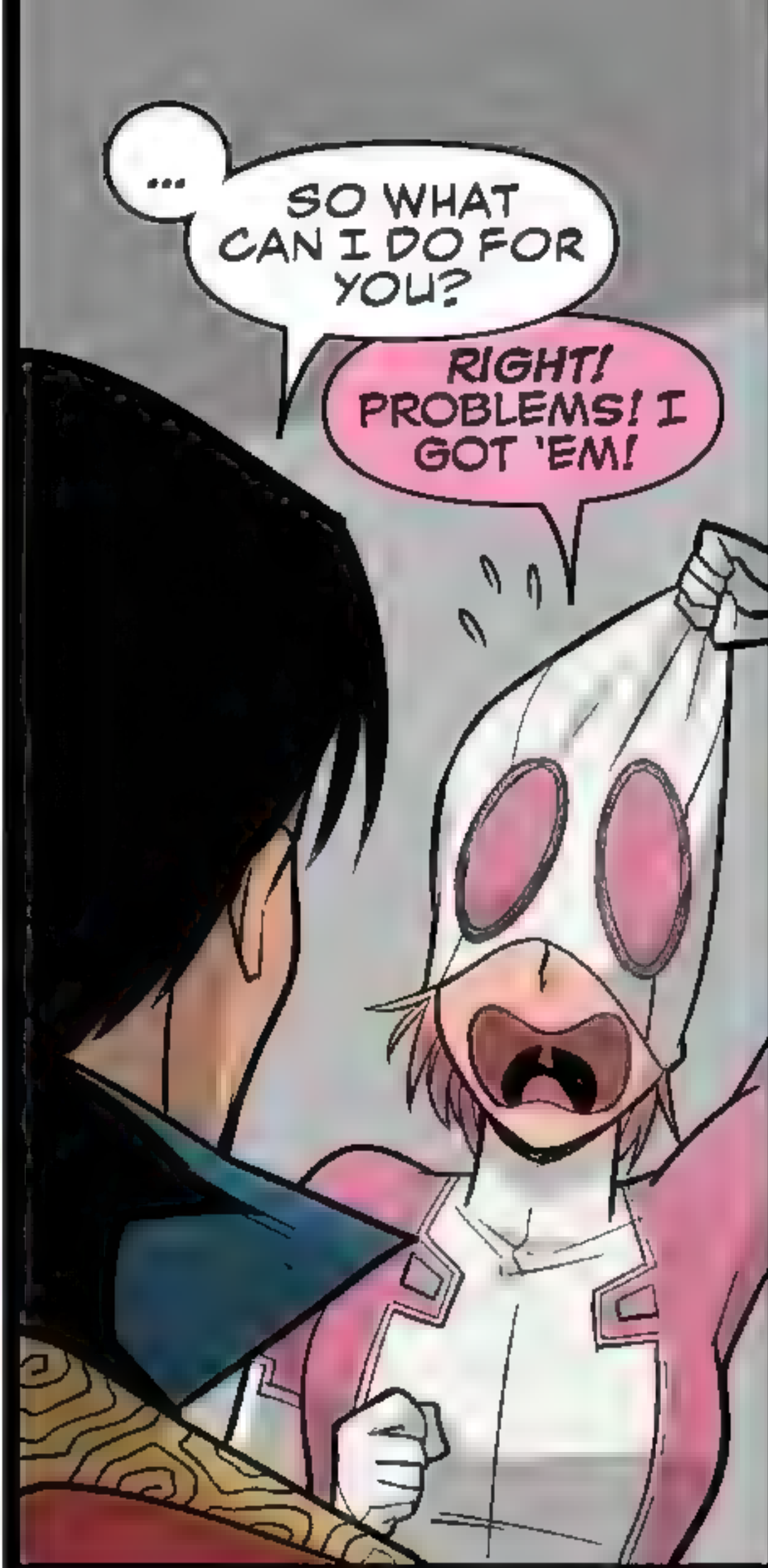


BIG RONNIE
BETTER NOT HAVE CHARGED YOU
TOO MUCH FOR THIS! YOU KNOW THIS
CONSULT COUPON WAS A CHRISTMAS
PRESENT? OF COURSE SHE HANGS
ON TO IT TO SELL.

BUHHH...

SORRY ABOUT
THE WHOLE TIME-FREEZE
THING. IT'S THE ONLY WAY I
CAN SQUEEZE IN SPECIAL
APPOINTMENTS!

HUNKA,
HUNKA
WIZARD



...
SO WHAT
CAN I DO FOR
YOU?

RIGHT!
PROBLEMS! I
GOT 'EM!



SO, I'M
HAVING A HARD
TIME GETTING, UH, COMIC
BOOK UNIVERSE
CITIZENSHIP?

HA! YOU
KNOW, I THOUGHT
I HEARD SOMETHING
IN YOUR VOICE.

SAY
SOMETHING.



SOMETHING--

SORT
OF A COSMIC
ACCENT. I CAN
SEE YOU ARE VERY
FAR FROM
HOME.

WHOA!
WHAT? WHAT
IS THAT?

AND YOU
WANT TO BE A
BIT LESS DISPLACED,
HM? HAVE THIS PLACE
STOP TREATING YOU
LIKE YOU DON'T
EXIST?

OR
AT LEAST
LET ME OPEN
A BANK ACCOUNT,
OR BE ELIGIBLE
TO RENT AN
APARTMENT.

LET'S GO
ON A TRIP. YOUR
"PINK HARMONIC"
WILL BE OUR
GUIDE.



WHERE IS THIS?

HM, ALWAYS TRICKY TO DESCRIBE IT WITHOUT DRIVING SOMEONE MAD...LET'S SAY IT'S A SPACE BETWEEN THE ATOMS OF REALITIES.

AND IF YOUR BRAIN IS DESPERATELY STRUGGLING TO INTERPRET THE THINGS HAPPENING AROUND YOU THE SAME WAY MINE IS, THEN YOU SHOULD SEE AN ORB IN FRONT OF YOU.

CONFIRMIN' THAT ORB.

IT IS YOUR HOME. OR AT LEAST A WINDOW INTO IT.

FASCINATING. THE PEOPLE AND EVENTS OF OUR WORLD LEAVE... FOOTPRINTS IN YOURS. LITTLE RECORDINGS, RETELLINGS...

BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH, EH? SURE, I COULD SEE THAT.

DOCTOR STRANGE

IT WASN'T
LIKE THIS WHEN I
TRAVELED TO YOUR
UNIVERSE.

NO. I
IMAGINE IT WAS
MUCH MORE
TRAUMATIC.

WE'RE IN
AN OUTSIDE
SPACE. THERE ARE
LIMITS TO WHAT
WE CAN DO.

I CAN'T
JUST WALK
THROUGH THIS
AND BE
HOME?

NO.

THAT'S
PROBABLY FOR
THE BEST.

...
I CAN
MAKE IT AS
THOUGH YOU HAVE
LIVED IN OUR UNIVERSE
YOUR WHOLE LIFE.
IT'S NOT A TOTAL
REWRITE.

A CARD
IN AN EGG
CAN'T DO
THAT.

BUT...

...IT'LL GET
YOU A SOCIAL
SECURITY
NUMBER.

MOM!
DAD!





YOUR BEGINNING.



OH MY GOSH, THEY'RE BABIES.

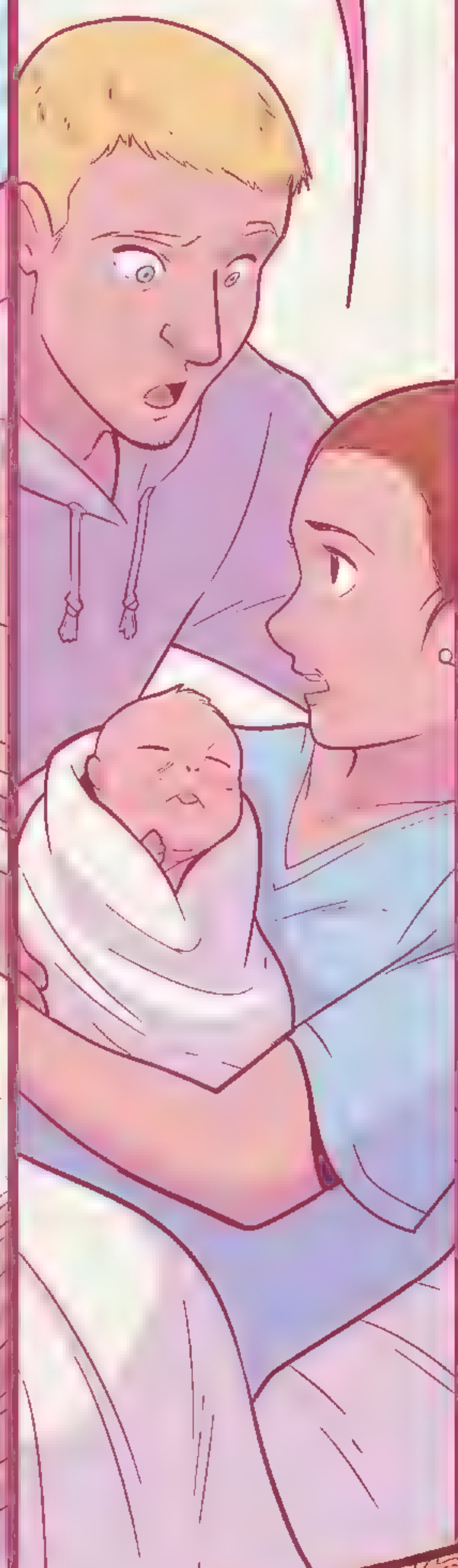


YOU KNOW I LOVE THIS KID, BUT...

...SERIOUSLY, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR WEIRD SQUISHY INFANTS TO GO TO ACTUAL CUTE BABIES?

THIS THING IS A POTATO THAT WAS CURSED WITH A FACE.

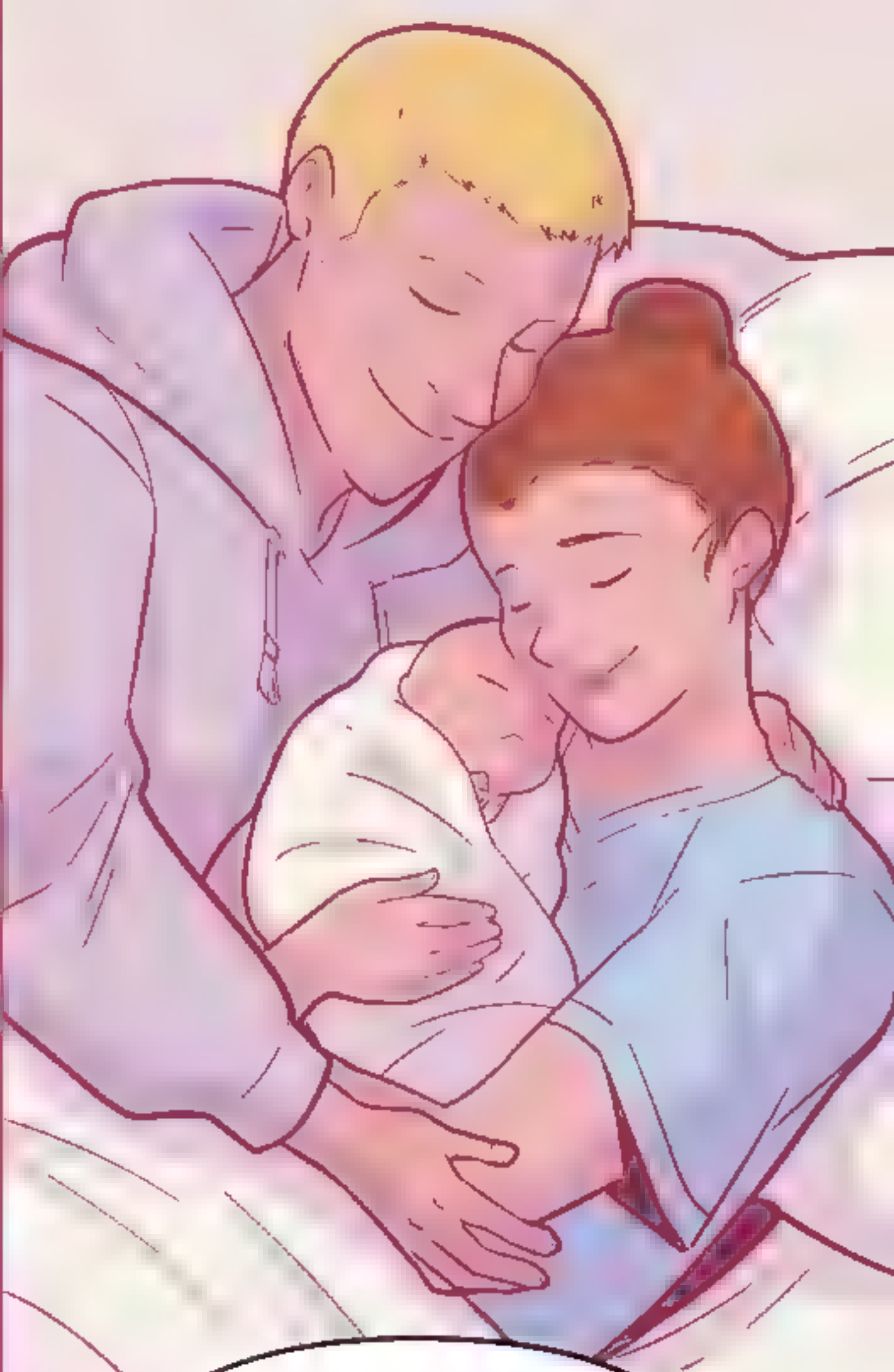
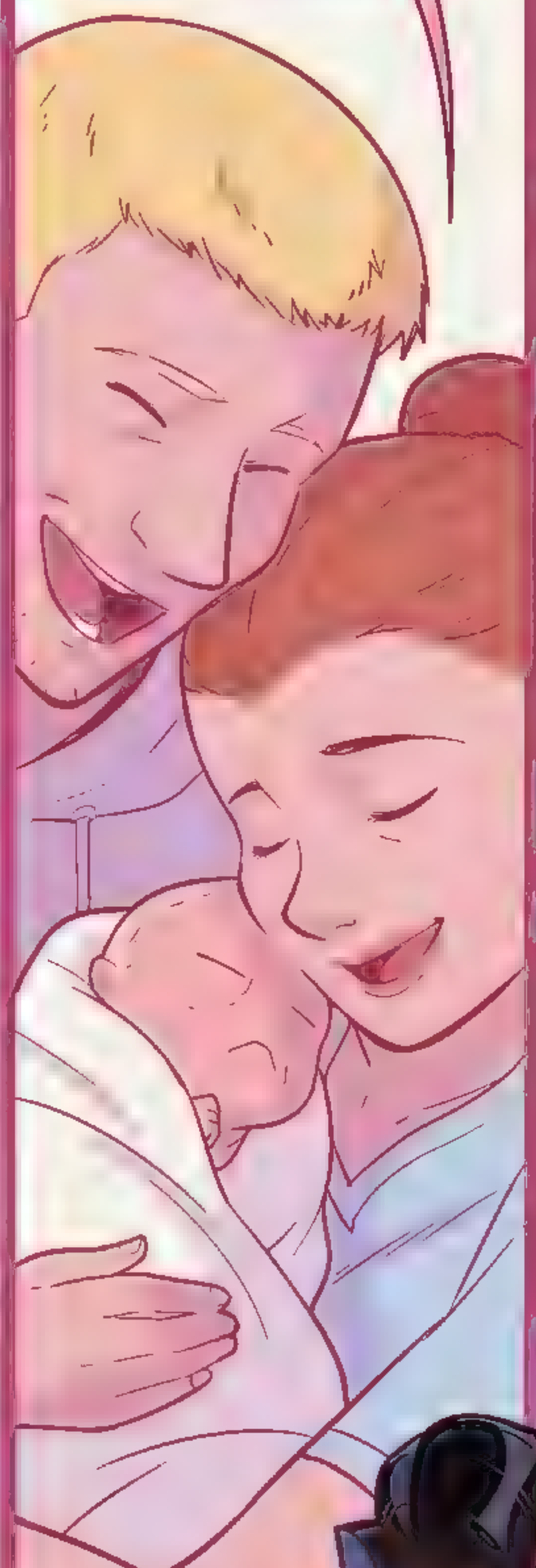
TED! STOP IT!



HA HA, WHAAAT? NOT LIKE SHE SPEAKS ENGLISH!

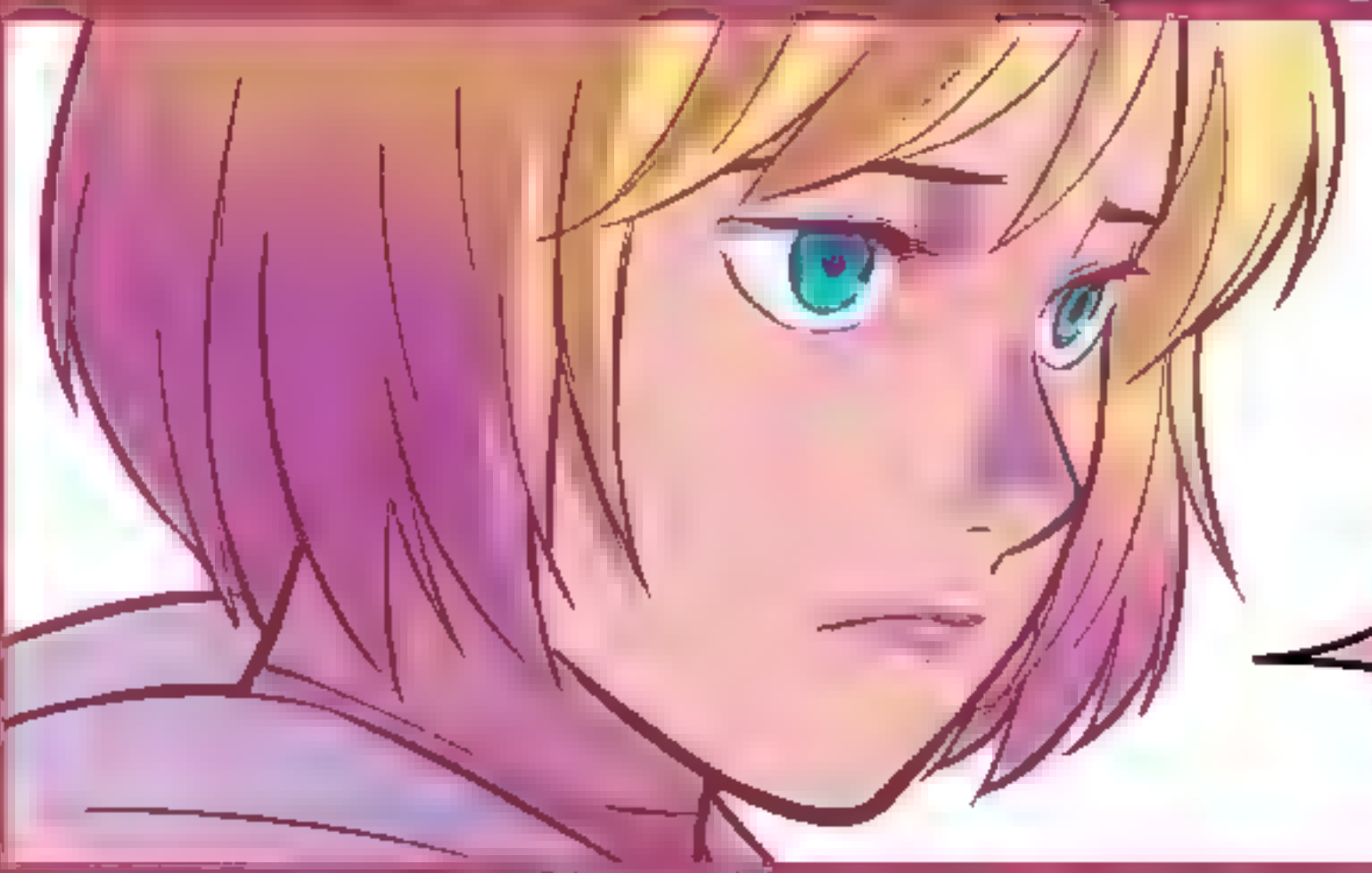
HAH--NO. NO, I WILL NOT LAUGH AT THAT.

SLEEP DEPRIVATION MADE ME LAUGH.



THIS MAY... ALTER YOUR FAMILY'S MEMORIES OF YOU. YOU WOULD BECOME MORE HAZY IN THEIR MINDS.

THEY COULD FORGET YOU ALL TOGETHER.



...
THAT'S PROBABLY FOR THE BEST.



!

VERY WELL!

THE
INFORMATION.
THE EVIDENCE. THE
PROOF. YOU ARE A LIVING
BEING, MADE OF MATTER
AND ENERGY, AND
UNKNOWABLE MYSTIC
THREAD, AS WE
ALL ARE.

I TAKE THIS
TRUTH FROM THE
MOMENT OF ITS
INCEPTION...

...AND
TRANSPORT
IT TO ITS NEW
HOME.

"NOW, LET'S
GET YOU BACK."

IS...
THIS YOUR
CARD?

OH. A
DRIVER'S
LICENSE.
NICE.

I IMAGINE
VARIOUS DATABASES
ACROSS THE GLOBE ARE
BEING UPDATED WITH
YOUR ARRIVAL.

YOU'RE MY
FAVORITE IMMIGRATIONS
LAWYER AND INTER-
DIMENSIONAL TRAVEL
AGENT.

AS IMPRESSIVE
AS THE TRAVEL MAY
HAVE SEEMED, IT WAS
BASICALLY THE MAGICAL
EQUIVALENT OF FINDING A
VHS TAPE AND REWINDING
IT TO THE RIGHT
SPOT.

OH!

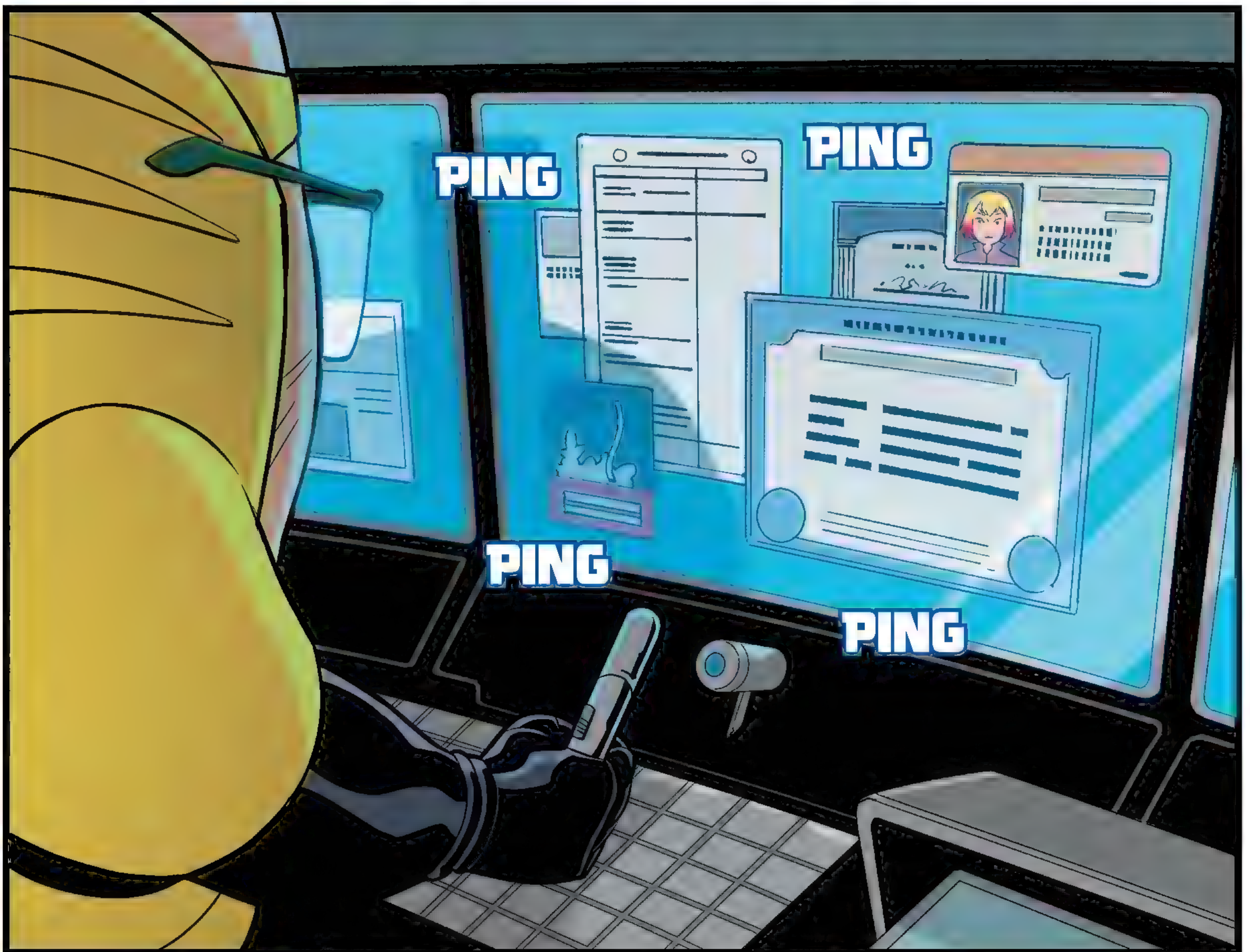
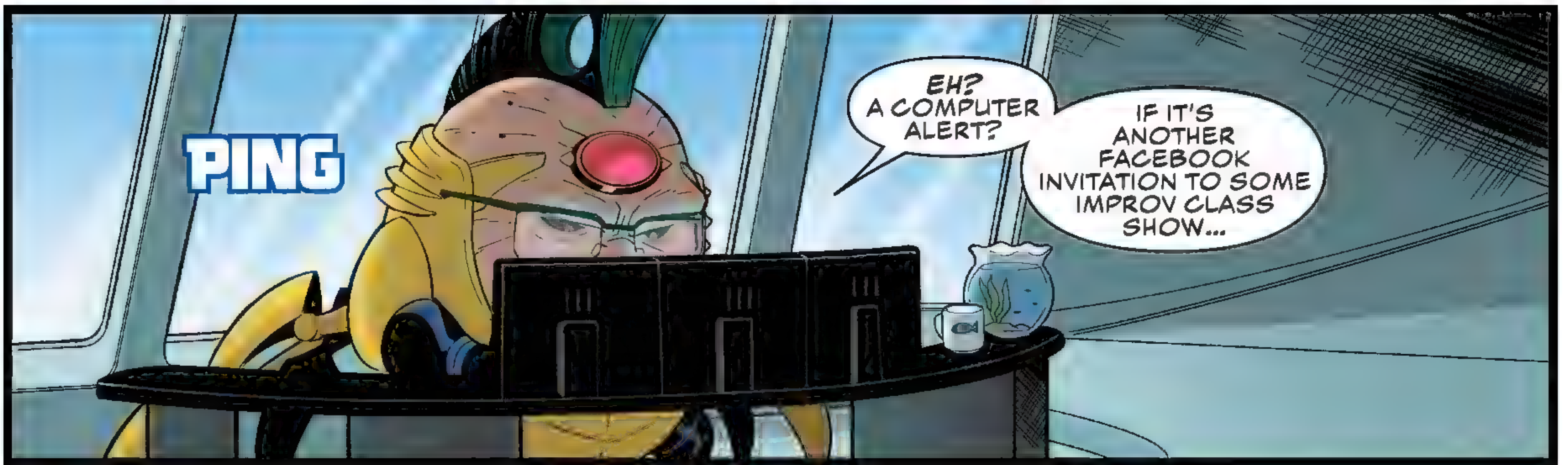
OKAY, AND
THEN DOING
AWESOME FREAKY
WITCHCRAFT
ON IT.

STILL, YOU'VE
BARELY USED UP
HALF A SECOND OF
YOUR APPOINTMENT'S
TIME. IS THERE ANYTHING
ELSE I CAN DO
FOR YOU?

IS
THERE A
WAY...I CAN
TALK TO MY
FRIEND?

FOR
REAL?

HMM...
WELL...





GWEN POOLE...
EVERY SHRED OF
EVIDENCE FROM YOUR BIRTH
UNTIL THIS VERY MOMENT
TELLS ME YOU ARE *LITTERLY*
ORDINARY, AND YOU HAVE NO
PLACE IN THE SACRED
CHAMBERS OF
M.O.D.O.K.

**YOU SHALL
BE EXORCISED
FROM THEM.**

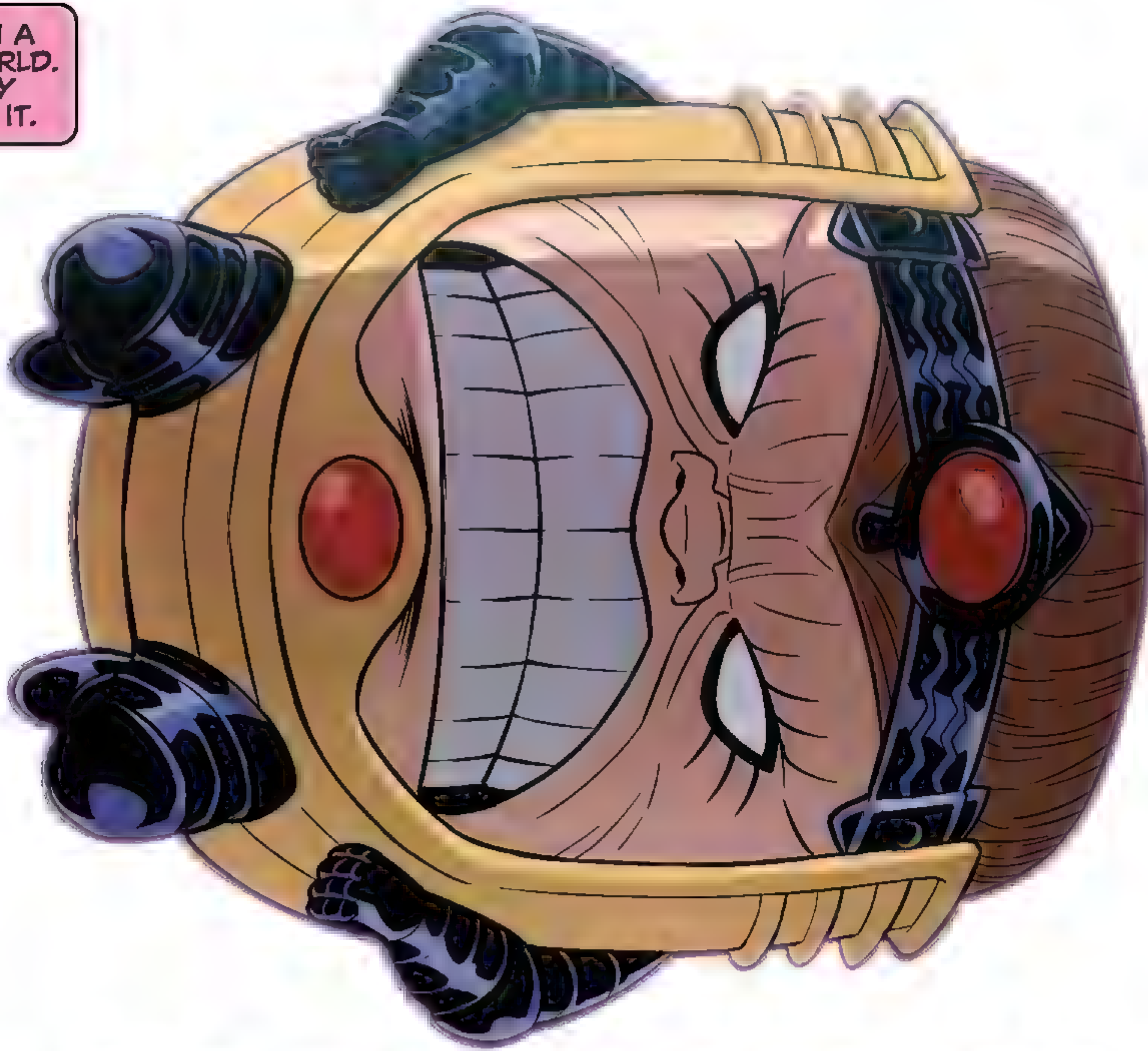
**WITH
DEADLY
FORCE.**

OBVIOUSLY.



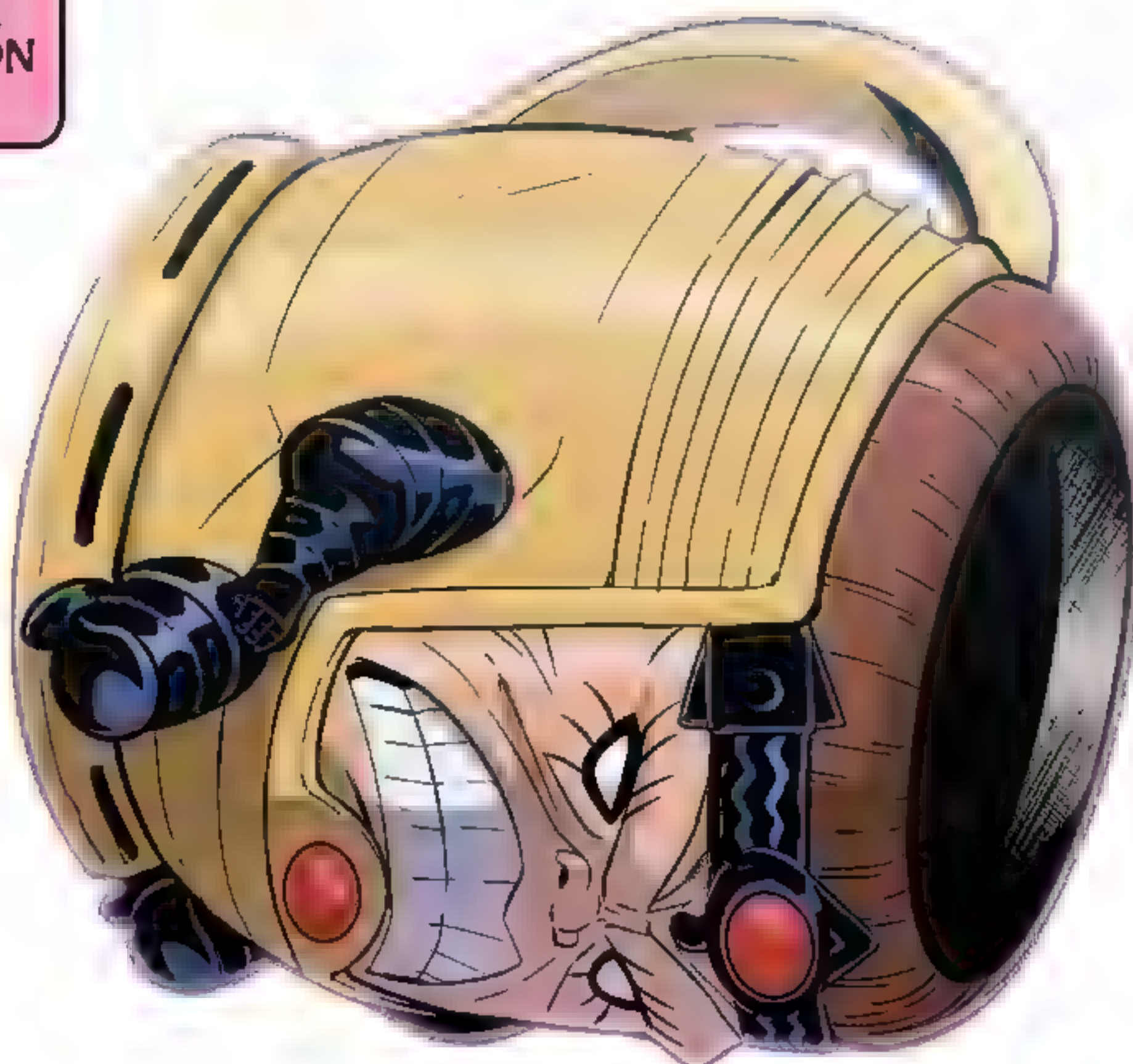


I'M LIVING IN A
FICTIONAL WORLD.
I'M NEARLY
POSITIVE OF IT.



HERE, SUPER HEROES AND
SUPER VILLAINS FIGHT OVER
THE SAME FIVE-ISH THINGS ON
A PRETTY REGULAR BASIS:

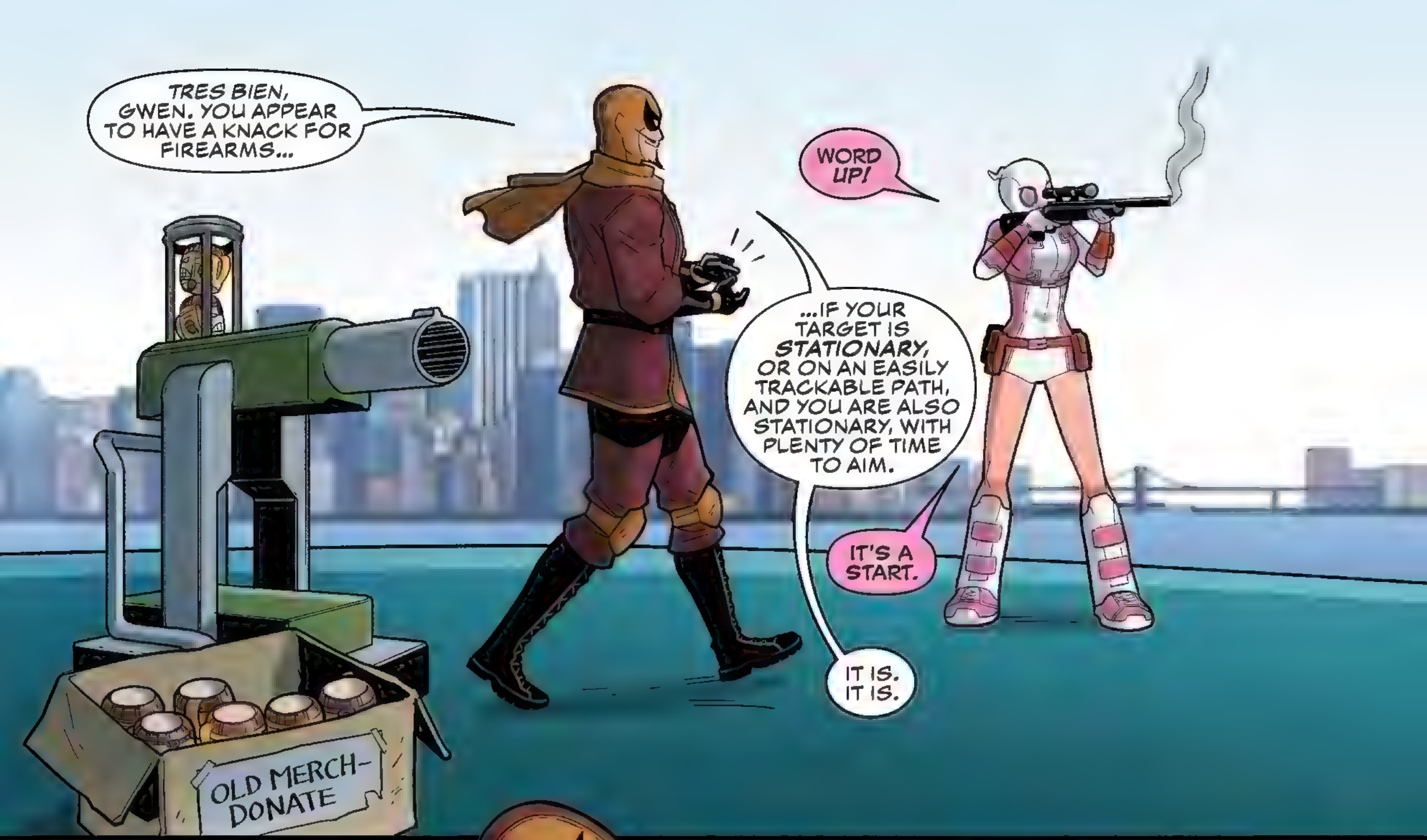
- POWER
- LOVE
- INFINITY GEMS
- MONEY
- MISCELLANY



IT'S A SCARY PLACE
FOR A NORMAL PERSON
WITH NO POWERS.



BUT I THINK
I'M GETTING
THE HANG OF IT.



I STARTED OUT THINKING I WAS THE **HERO**. I HAD TO BE, RIGHT? WE'RE ALL THE PROTAGONISTS IN OUR OWN STORIES!

BUT THROUGH NO FAULT OF MY OWN, I ENDED UP WORKING FOR M.O.D.O.K. AND HIS MERCENARY ORGANIZATION.

A HENCHMAN. NOT THE HERO.

BUT IT PAYS PRETTY WELL! I MEAN, ONCE I WAS ABLE TO SET UP A **BANK ACCOUNT** IN THE SUPER HERO WORLD.

LOOK AT ALL THESE **GUNS** AND STUFF I CAN GET.

AND-- WHOA.

I SEE BANKS WORK THE SAME HERE AS THEY DO IN THE REAL WORLD.

TIME TO EARN SOME MORE **MERC BUCKS**.

MB MRVL BANK			
Checking Account			
Date	Description	Debit	Credit
4/14/2016	BIG RONNIES CSTM	\$500,000.00	
5/1/2016	LUIGI'S	\$20.00	
6/14/2016	NOT JUST GUNS	\$2540.00	
7/08/2016	NOTHING BUT SWORDS	\$140.00	

THERE'S A ROGUE DETACHMENT OF ATLANTEANS WHO HAVE BEGUN DIGGING AN UNDERWATER TUNNEL BENEATH MANHATTAN.

APPARENTLY THEY'VE PICKED A SPOT THAT'S TECHNICALLY PORT AUTHORITY PROPERTY, WHICH MEANS NEW YORK CITY CAN'T JUST DEAL WITH IT.

AND BECAUSE THEY'RE ATLANTEANS, THERE COULD BE A WHOLE DIPLOMATIC ISSUE...

SO THE CLIENT WOULD LIKE US TO JUST GO IN THERE AND KILL THEM.

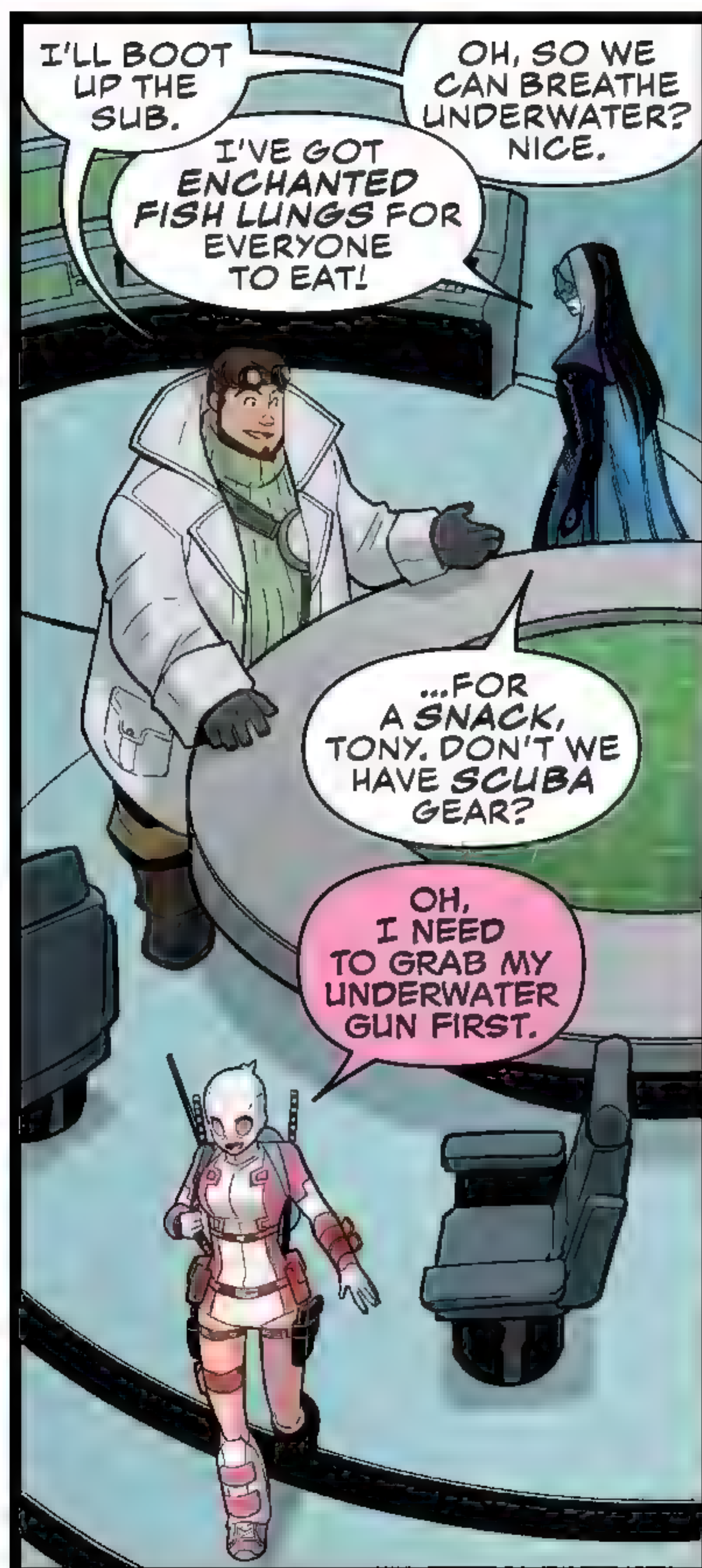


AH, MY SPECIALTIES--

(KICKS)

--DO NOT WORK SO WELL UNDERWATER.

USE A GUN, BATROC. I KNOW YOU KNOW HOW.



I'LL BOOT UP THE SUB.

I'VE GOT ENCHANTED FISH LUNGS FOR EVERYONE TO EAT!

OH, SO WE CAN BREATHE UNDERWATER? NICE.

...FOR A SNACK, TONY. DON'T WE HAVE SCUBA GEAR?

OH, I NEED TO GRAB MY UNDERWATER GUN FIRST.



GWEN, YOU WON'T BE GOING.

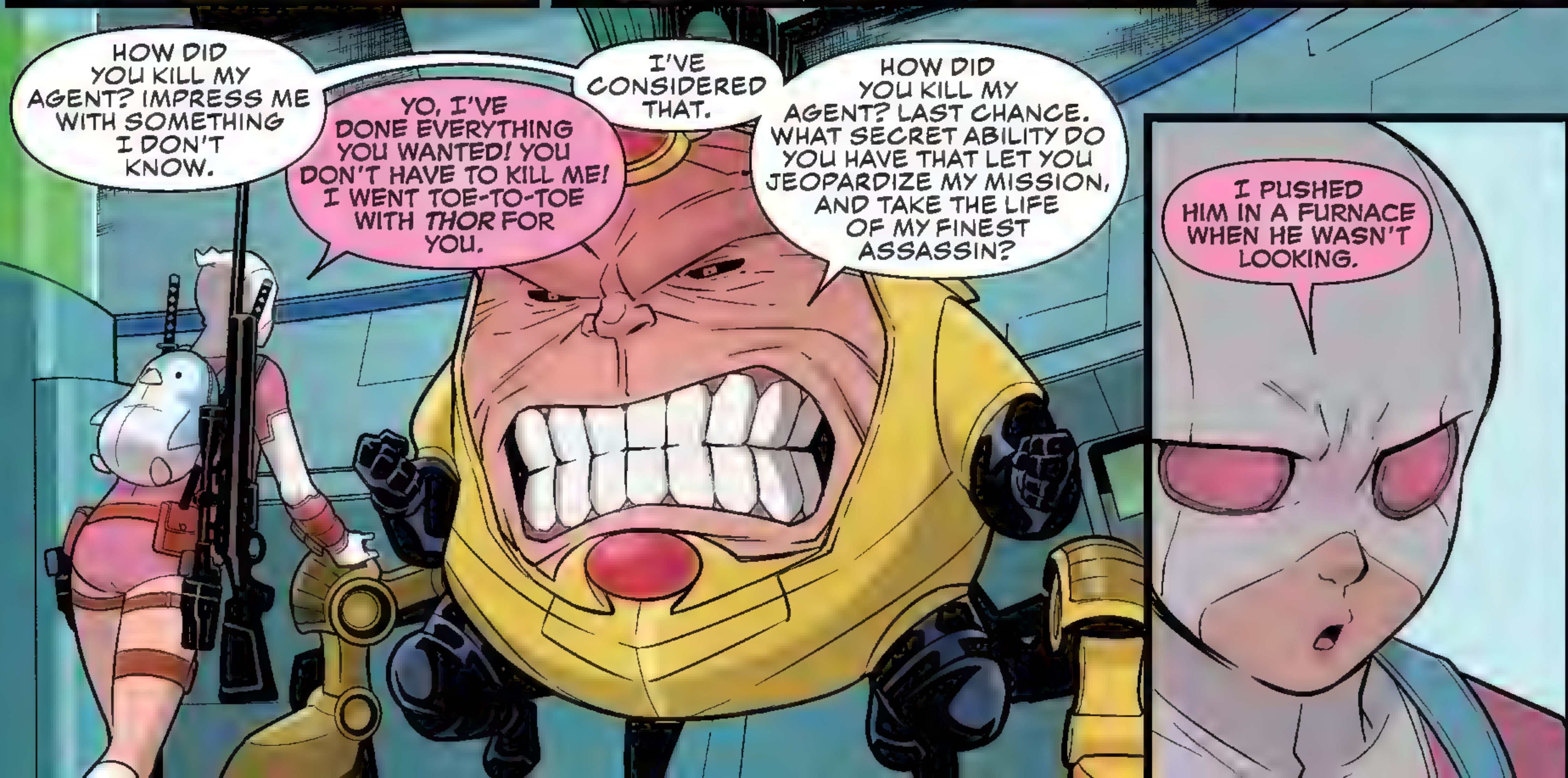
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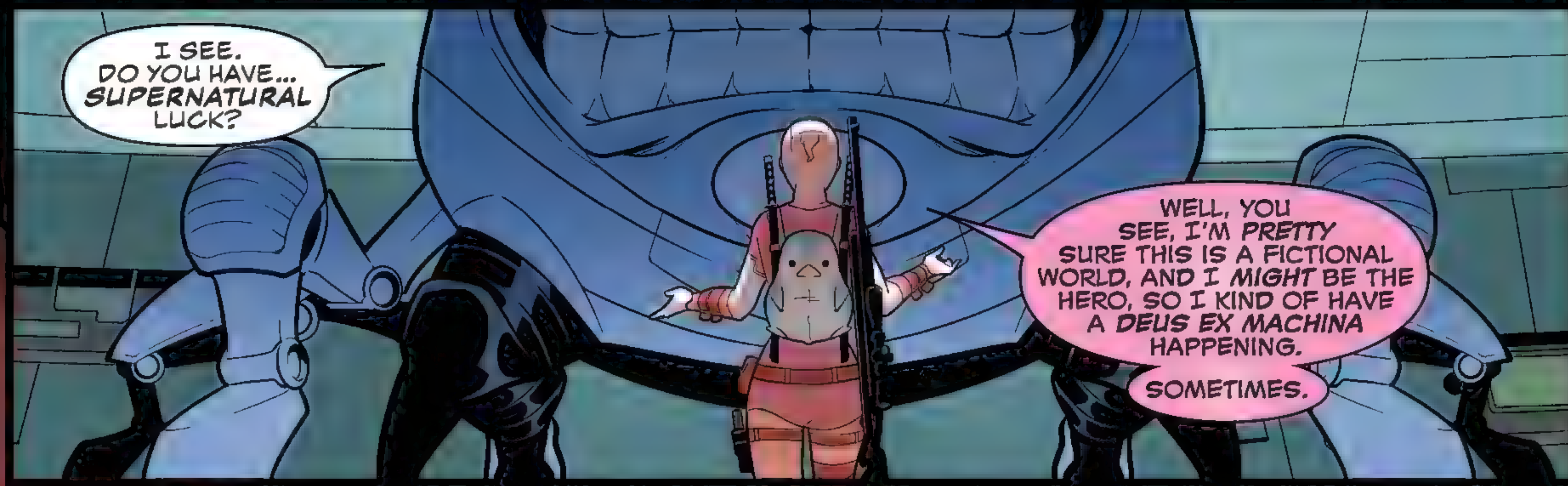


BUT WE NEED--

YOU'LL BE FINE! HAVE A GOOD ASSASSINATION!

GWEN, PLEASE SIT.





I SEE.
DO YOU HAVE...
SUPERNATURAL
LUCK?

WELL, YOU
SEE, I'M PRETTY
SURE THIS IS A FICTIONAL
WORLD, AND I MIGHT BE THE
HERO, SO I KIND OF HAVE
A *DEUS EX MACHINA*
HAPPENING.

SOMETIMES.



POOLE, I'M
A VERY PARTICULAR
PERSON, AND I DO
NOT TOLERATE...

...*ANYTHING*
I DON'T LIKE.

LISTEN,
WE CAN--



YOU'RE
FIRED.



WHERE
TO GET A NEW
REPLACEMENT...I
WONDER IF THERE ARE
ANY OLD DOOMBOTS
LYING AROUND. THAT ONE
DID GOOD WORK WITH
THOSE ROBOT-ONLY
AVENGERS.

PERHAPS I'LL
PUT AN AD ON THE
DARK NET.

HOW DO
YOU GET TO THE
DARK NET?

HEY,
SMARTEST
GUY ON THE
PLANET.

THANKS
FOR THE MONEY
TO BUY A SHIELD
GENERATOR.

SFF
TZ

WH-WHAT?!

YOU
THINK I
HAVEN'T BEEN
WAITING FOR THIS
MOMENT?! IT WAS
INEVITABLE, YOU
HORROR-SIZED
MISTER POTATO
HEAD.

YOU KILLED
MY ONLY FRIEND
AND MADE ME YOUR
HENCHMAN.

IF YOU
KILL ME TODAY,
I'M MAKING SURE
YOU'RE CANCELED,
TOO.

WOOF

HOW
DARE--WHERE
ARE YOU?!

I'M A
GHOST NINJA,
FOOL! I'VE BEEN
SAYING IT THIS
WHOLE TIME!

ALL RIGHT, GWEN. VERY GOOD. YOU HAVE ONE OF TONY STARK'S POWERS NOW.

MONEY.

BUT I KNOW WHAT'S ON THE MARKET, AND I'M SURE WHAT YOU'VE ACQUIRED FROM RECENT WORK WOULD NOT AFFORD A SUBSTANTIAL ENERGY SHIELD.

ONE USE ONLY--

BLAM

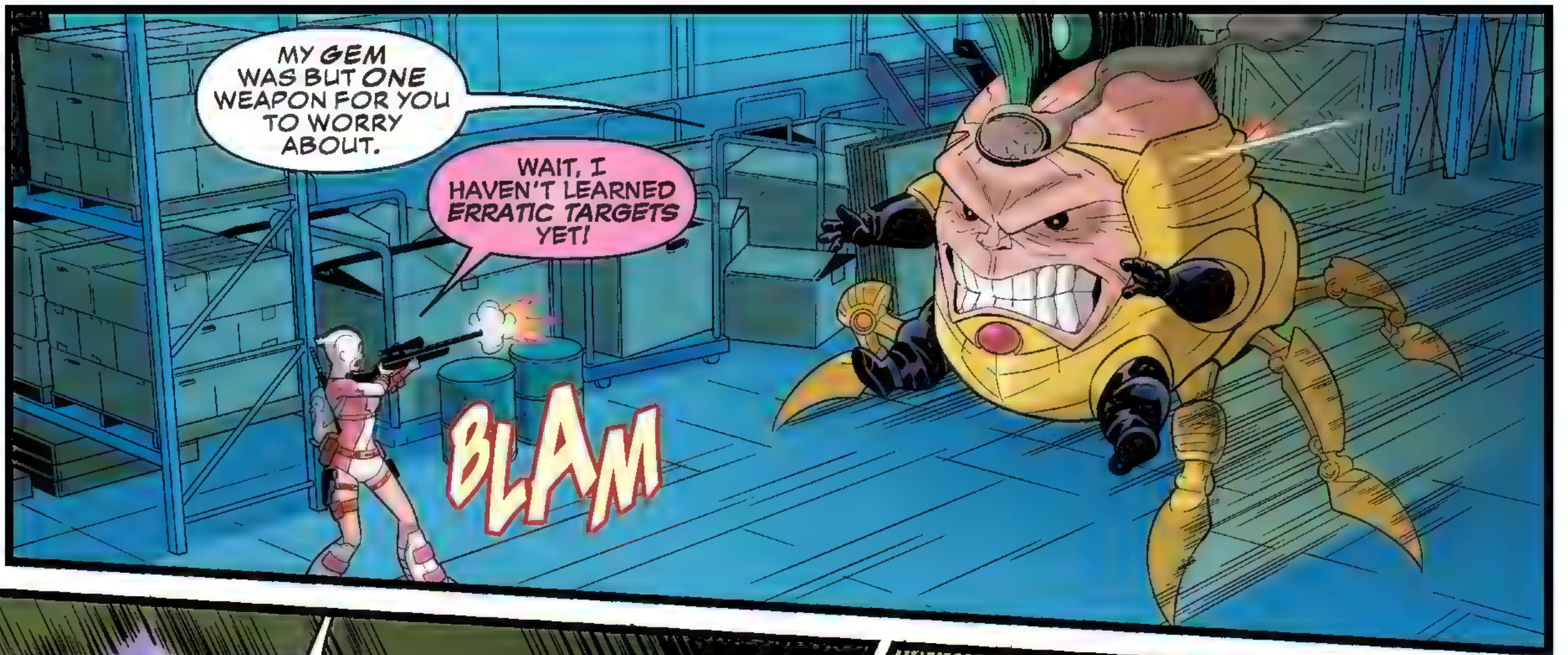
AAH!

SHATTER

CHK-CHK

YOU GOT ME!

GOOD THING I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT ANYMORE!





DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
THE ONLY ADVERSARY
I'VE FACED WHO'S
HAD TRICKS?!

THEY
ALL HAVE
TRICKS!

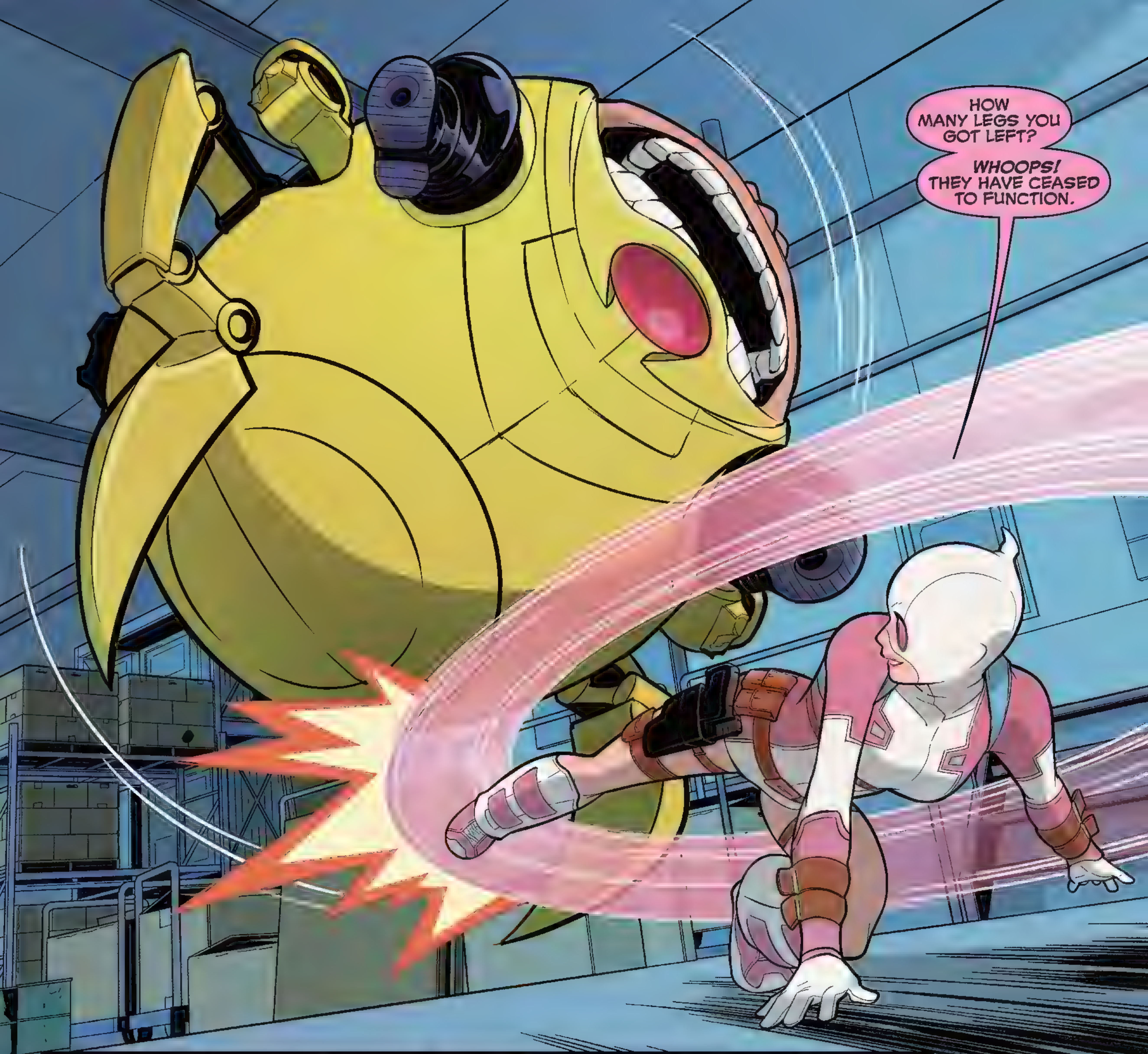
GROSS
GROSS
GROSS!

AND I HAVE
A COUNTER FOR
EVERY ONE.

TRY ONE!
THEY'RE ALL VERY
SHARP.

NGGH.





HOW
MANY LEGS YOU
GOT LEFT?

WHOOPS!
THEY HAVE CEASED
TO FUNCTION.



≡HUFF≡

≡HUFF≡

I
HOPE YOU'VE
BACKED UP YOUR
BRAIN INTO A CLONE
OR SOMETHING,
BECAUSE THIS
BODY'S--



THIS BODY
HAS NOT YET
BEGUN TO
FIGHT.

HA
HA HA
HA!

FR
OO
SH

YOU MAY
KNOW THE MODERN
M.O.D.O.K. SUPERIOR
AND HIS MARVELOUS
MECHANIZED
LEGS.

BUT I WOULD
NEVER ESCHEW MY
ORIGINAL ROCKET
CHAIR.

I MEAN,
WHY THROW
AWAY A ROCKET
CHAIR?

SURE,
I GET
THAT.

ANYWAY,
BACK TO
KILLING
YOU.

K.

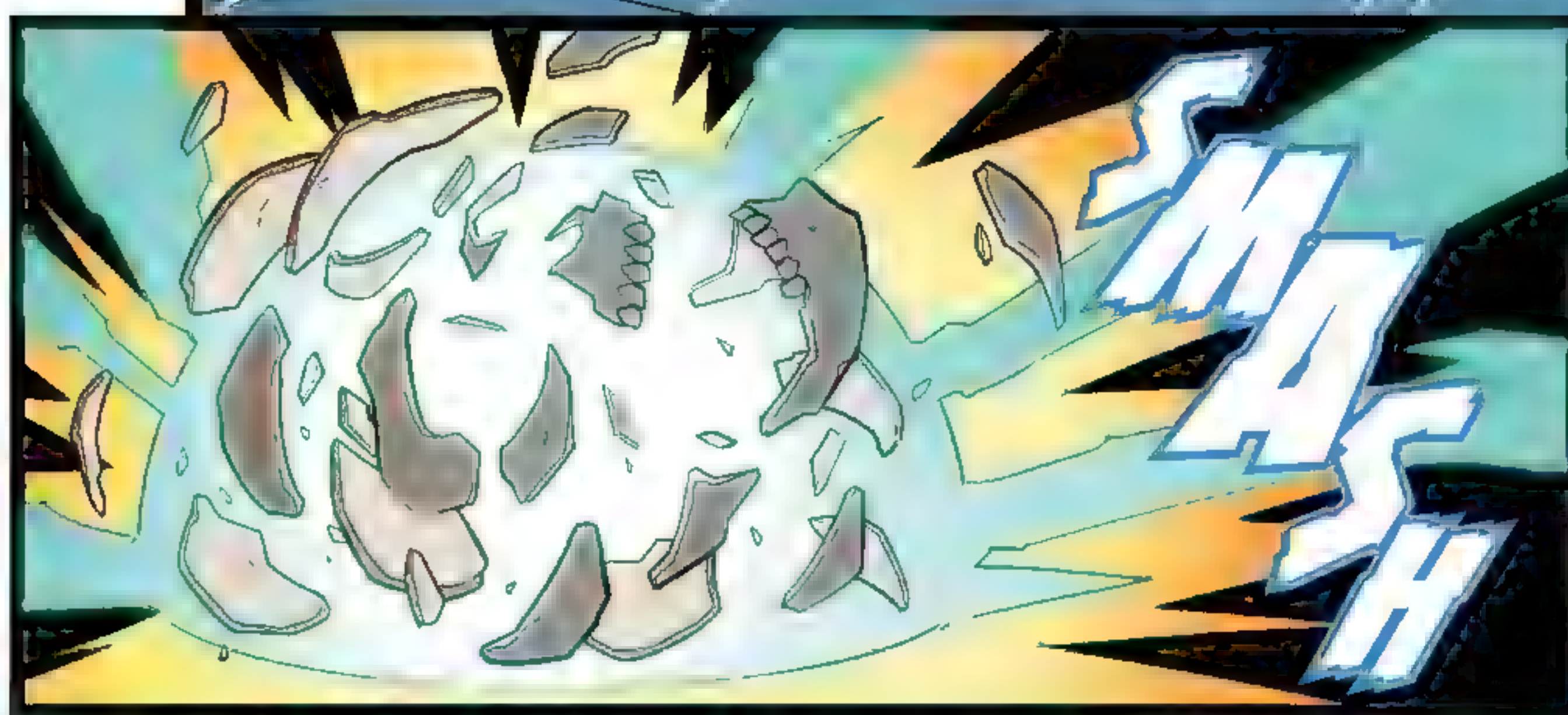
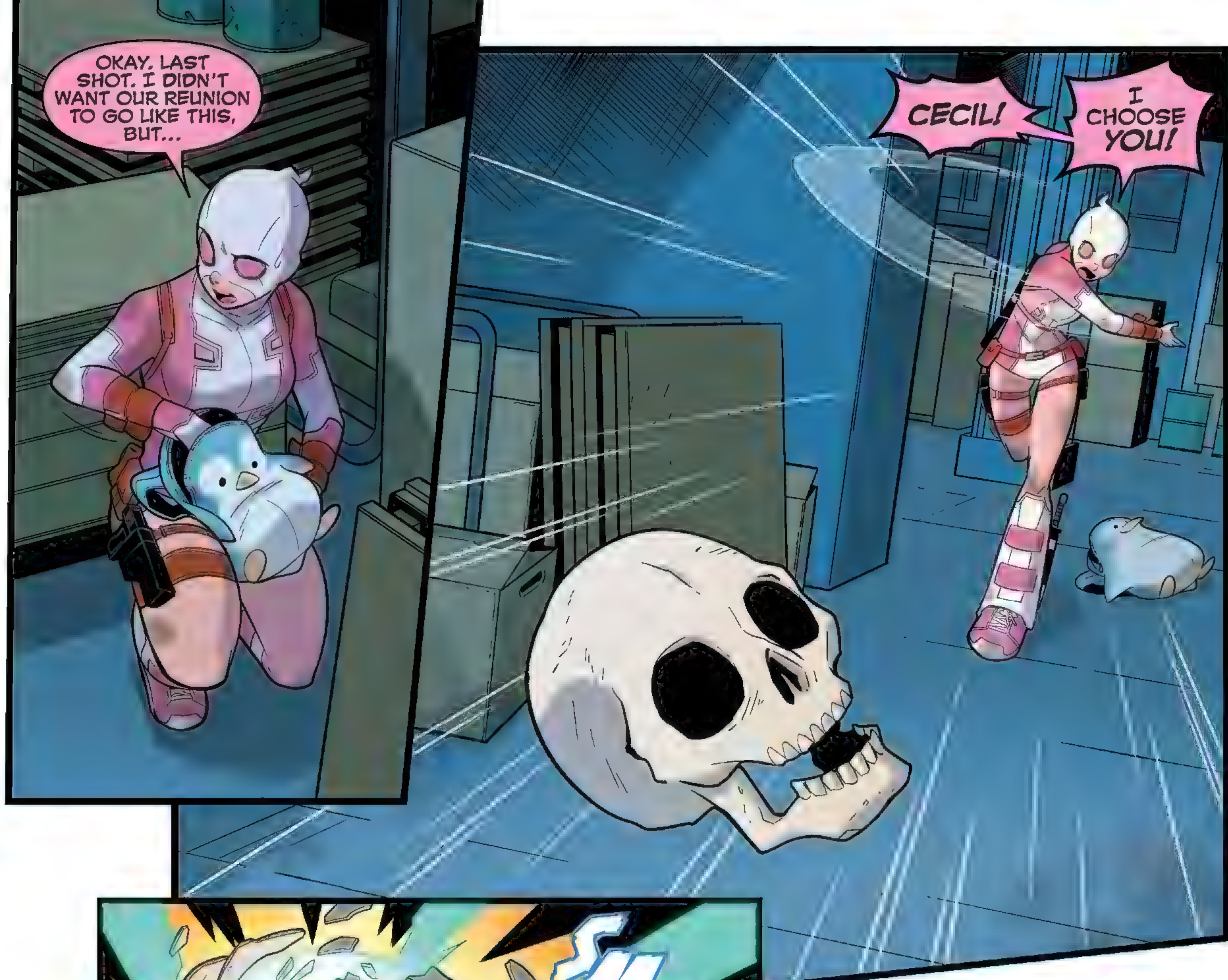


AAAAAA!

YOU CAN'T
FIT THAT MUCH
IN THERE,
RIGHT?

YOU'LL RUN
OUT OF AMMO
SOON?

NO!



HI, CECIL! I MISSED YOU! YOU'RE A GHOST! DOCTOR STRANGE ENCHANTED YOUR SKULL SO I COULD SUMMON YOU!

I'M A GHOST? I'M DEAD?!

YEAH, WE CAN DEFINITELY TALK ABOUT IT LATER, BUT NOW I NEED YOU TO--

--GHOST-HACK M.O.D.O.K.

M.O.D.O.K....

THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU KILLED ME.

WAIT, MY SYSTEMS--

I'M NOT PREPARED FOR--

SHUUUFFF

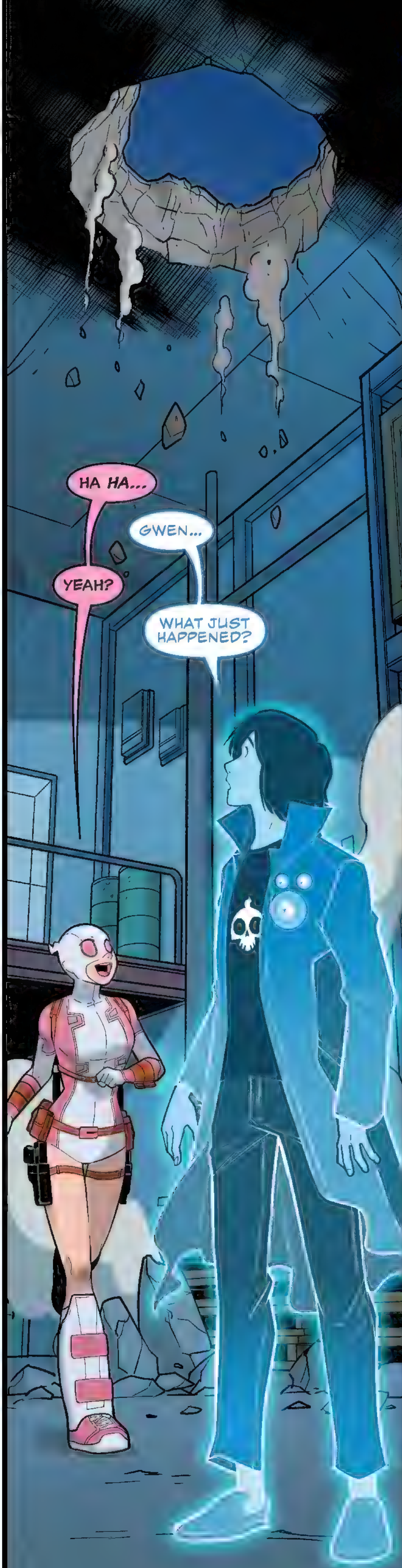
WARNING! CYBER ATTACK! UNKNOWN ORIGIN!

IT'S A GHOST! ACTIVATE GHOST DEFENSE.

THAT DOES NOT EXIST.

ROCKET COMPROMISED.





HA HA...

GWEN...

YEAH?

WHAT JUST
HAPPENED?



M.O.D.O.K.
KILLED YOU, AND THEN HE
MADE ME WORK FOR HIM OR HE'D
KILL ME TOO, BUT I KEPT YOUR SKULL BECAUSE
I WAS SAD, AND THEN I MET DOCTOR STRANGE, AND
ASKED IF HE COULD HELP BRING YOU BACK, AND HE SAID
BECAUSE YOU WERE KILLED IN A PARTICULARLY UNJUST
FASHION AND WERE JUST A KID, HE COULD ARRANGE
FOR YOUR GHOST TO BE CALLED BACK. THERE WAS
OTHER STUFF I DON'T REMEMBER, AND I WASN'T
SURE OF A GOOD TIME TO DO IT, AND THEN
M.O.D.O.K. TRIED TO KILL ME,
SO I THOUGHT--

I'M
DEAD.

I'M A
GHOST.

YES! BUT WE
WON! VICTORY
HUG!



OOP!

OH, UH.
SORRY.

WHAT...



...HAS
HAPPENED
HERE?

HA HA HA!
I WAS RIGHT!

I WAS RIGHT
ALL ALONG!
I AM THE HERO!

M.O.D.O.K.
TRIED TO KILL
ME. SO I SENT
HIM INTO
SPACE!



OH, WOW! WOW! GOSH,
YOU KNOW I REALLY
THOUGHT HE WAS GOING
TO TRY TO KILL ME ONE
DAY. REALLY SHORT
FUSE WITH THAT
GUY.

M.O.D.O.K.
SHALL RETURN.

I MEAN, PROBABLY,
BUT SPACE IS GOOD
AND FAR AWAY
FOR NOW.

EVERYBODY,
MEET CECIL! HE'S
A GHOST. HE'S
NEW TO BEING
A GHOST.

HI.

HELLO?
AH. OUI.

GWEN!



HUH?

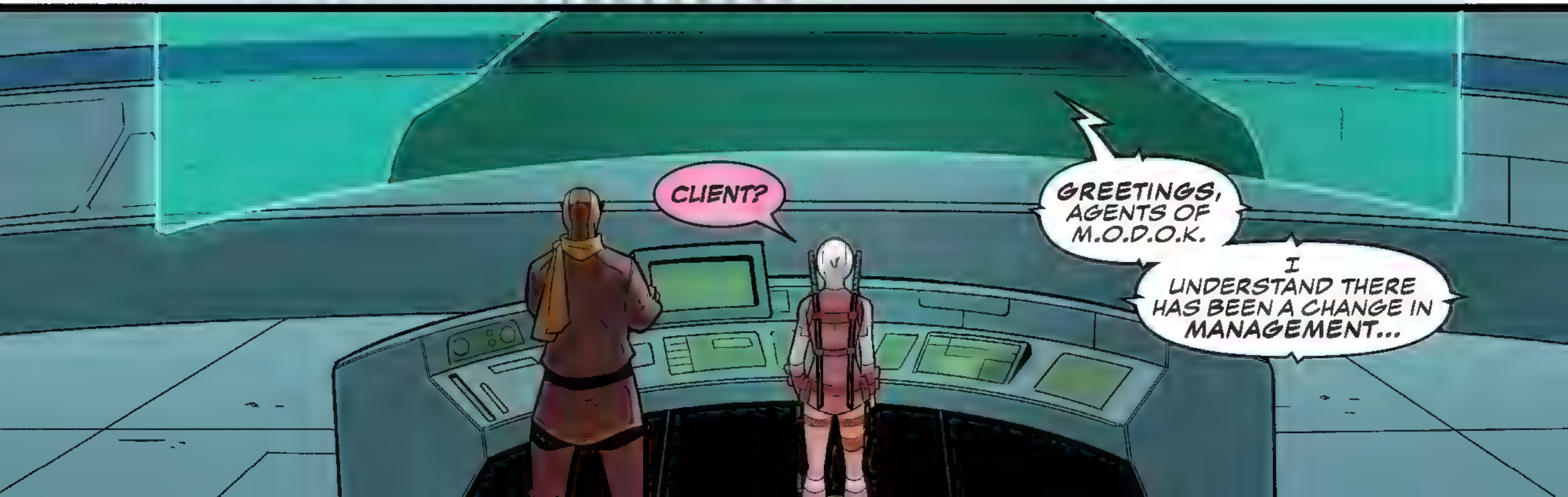
OUR
CLIENT
WOULD LIKE TO
SPEAK TO
YOU.



CLIENT?

GREETINGS,
AGENTS OF
M.O.D.O.K.

I
UNDERSTAND THERE
HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN
MANAGEMENT...





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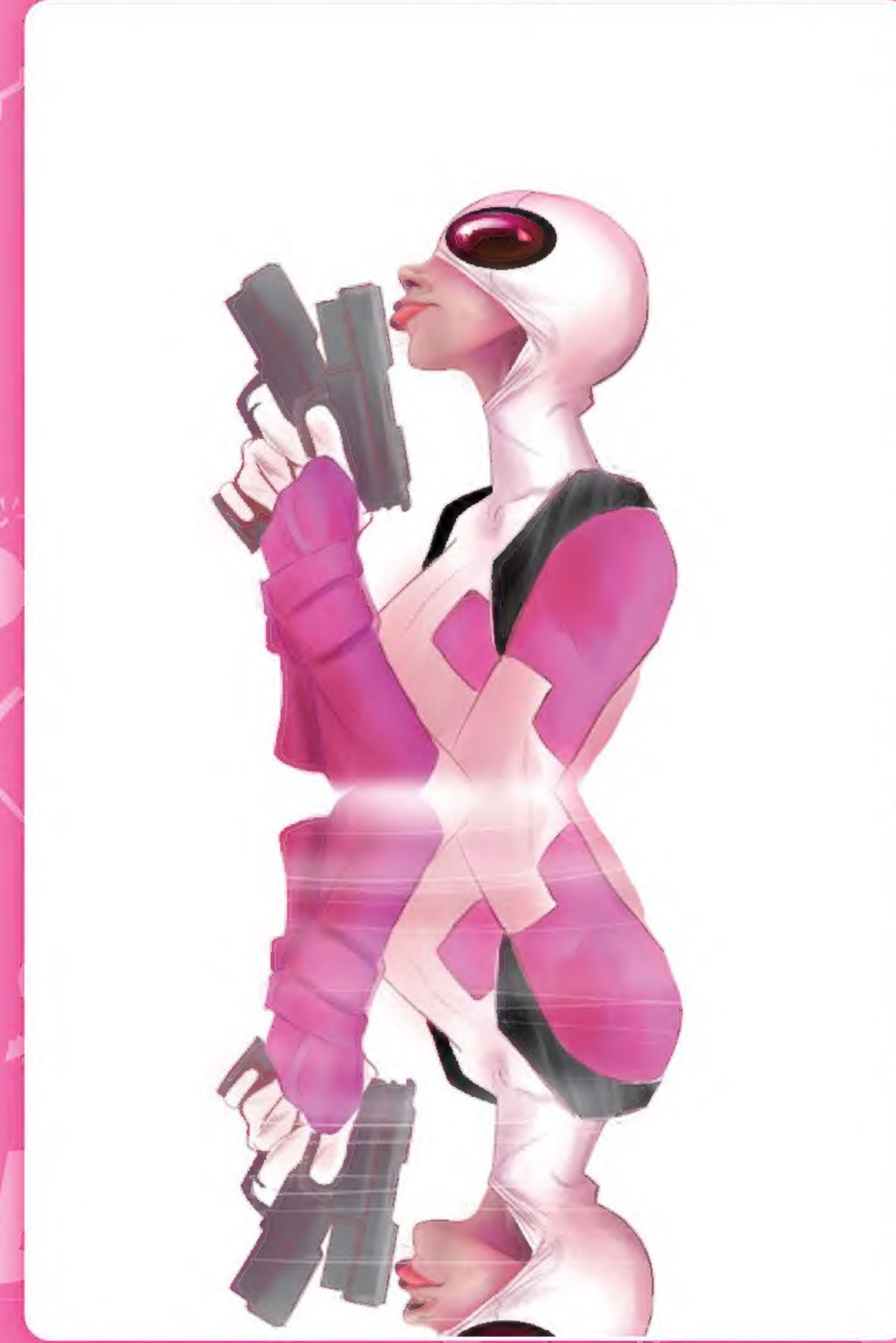
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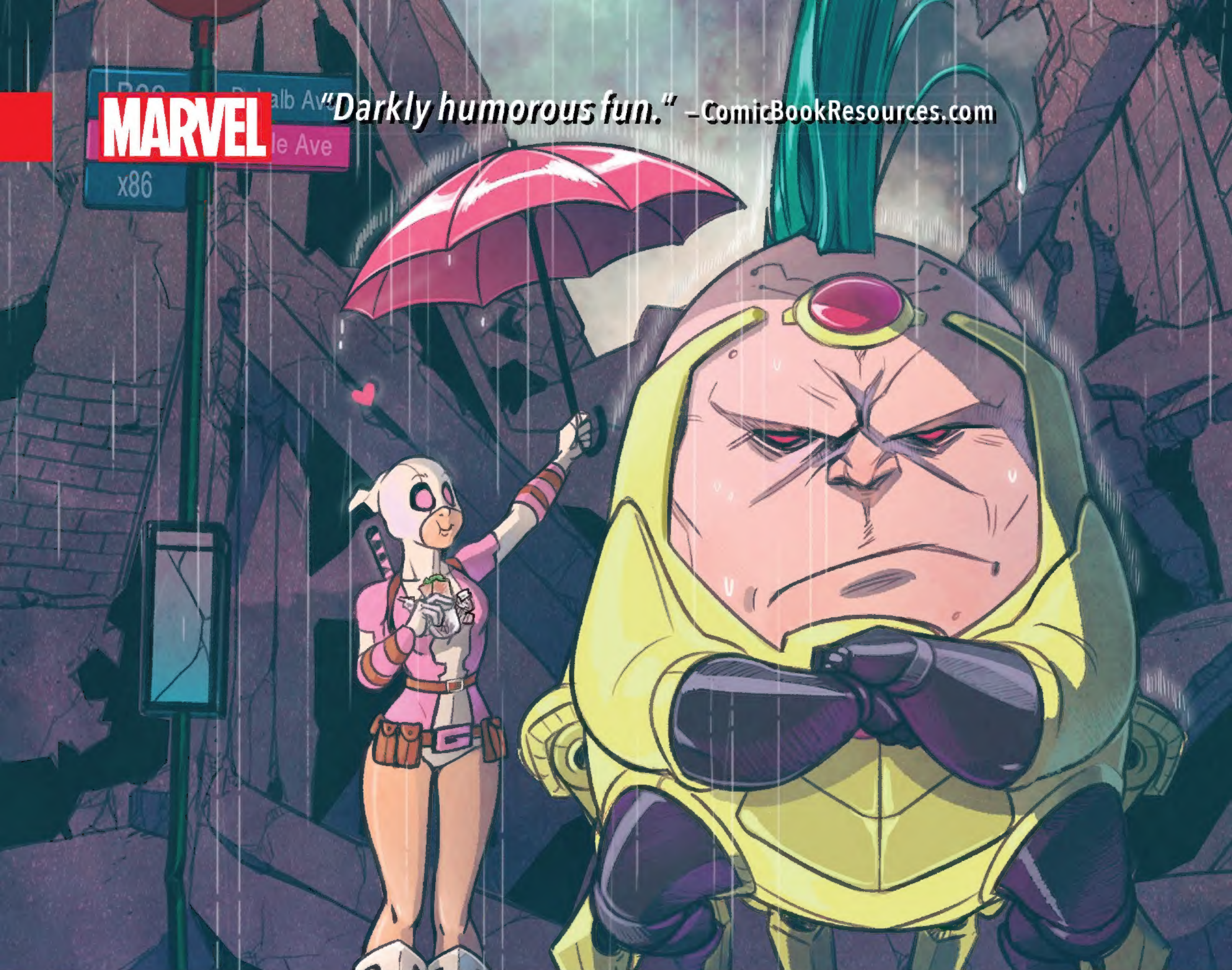
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